

# atlanta humane society

## Atlanta Humane Society Aids in Northern Mississippi Puppy Mill Rescue That Saves 123 Dogs

**October 29, 2014 (Gulfport, MS)** – 123 small-breed dogs have been rescued from two Alcorn County, MS puppy mills. An experienced operations team of five from the Atlanta Humane Society assisted the Humane Society of South Mississippi (HSSM) and The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) in the rescue.

“We were called upon to be a part of collaborative rescue and Atlanta Humane Society has a reputation for assisting animals in need,” Cal Morgan, President and CEO at Atlanta Humane Society states. “We have a long history of responding to disasters and these kinds of puppy mill raids. We have a lot of experience doing this and when called upon to save the lives of animals and alleviate suffering, we’re going to do everything in our power to help. “

The dogs were kept in filthy, cramped conditions and repeatedly bred for profit. Yorkies, Pekingese, Italian Greyhounds, Chihuahuas, Maltipoos and Shih Tzus are among the rescued animals. The puppy mill operators have allegedly sold these animals at the local flea market for years. Small breeds are often the victims of puppy mills due to their desirability and generally higher price tags.

Dozens of livestock including chickens, ducks, goats, a miniature pig, a donkey, and more were also rescued and are in the care of animal welfare organizations.

A temporary emergency shelter has been established for the animals as the preliminary vet exams, flea treatment, vaccinations, grooming, and individualized attention are given to these desperate animals.

It has yet to be determined how many animals will be coming to Atlanta. Upon their return and following a clean bill of health, we will work to find these animals their forever homes and happy beginnings. Please continue to look for updates on [www.atlantahumane.org](http://www.atlantahumane.org) and “Like” AHS on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AtlantaHumaneSociety](https://www.facebook.com/AtlantaHumaneSociety).

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### About Atlanta Humane Society

The Atlanta Humane Society is the oldest private charitable organization in Atlanta, founded in 1873. AHS places approximately 8,000 animals into forever homes each year. We are committed to finding homes for all adoptable pets. It is our **mission** to prevent neglect, abuse, cruelty and exploitation of animals and to assure that their interests and well-being are fully, effectively and humanely protected by an aware and caring society. We are proud to be a part of the solution to ending pet homelessness and overpopulation in the Southeast United States. For more, visit [www.atlantahumane.org](http://www.atlantahumane.org).