

# atlanta humane society

## Atlanta Humane Society Returns with 30 Dogs from Northern Mississippi Puppy Mill Rescue

**November 1, 2014 (Gulfport, MS)** – 30 dogs rescued from a Northern Mississippi Puppy Mill have made their way to the Atlanta Humane Society. Animals are expected to be ready for adoption in 7 to 10 days. Half will be available for adoption at the Howell Mill Shelter in Midtown while the other half will be available at the Mansell Shelter in Alpharetta.

“Following the spay and neuter surgical procedures, it will take some time to address all the needs of the animals and make sure they are properly vetted,” Dr. Gloria Dorsey, DVM and Vice President of Medical Services at the Atlanta Humane Society states. “Beyond surgery, it’s about giving these animals proper care and giving them a little time to decompress. We need to help some gain weight and since some were suffering from tooth decay, they will need tooth extractions. So our biggest priority is getting these animals healthy.”

Dogs range in age from 8 weeks to 10 years. Of the 30 returning to AHS, there are:

- 4 Italian Greyhounds
- 2 Schnauzers
- 2 Pomeranians
- 1 Lhasa Apso
- 5 Shih Tzus
- 4 Yorkies
- 3 Boston Terriers
- 9 Poodles

123 small-breed dogs were rescued from the two Alcorn County, Mississippi puppy mills on Wednesday. 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. The remaining dogs will be cared for by various Humane organizations and will be available for adoption following a clean bill of health.

The dogs were kept in filthy, cramped conditions and repeatedly bred for profit. 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.

Please continue to look for updates regarding adoption availability at [www.atlantahumane.org](http://www.atlantahumane.org) and “Like” AHS on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AtlantaHumaneSociety](http://www.facebook.com/AtlantaHumaneSociety).

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