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Dogs rescued from alleged cruelty situation in Newton County, Texas

Some dogs had no access to water, others only had rainwater in Texas heat

CALL, Texas (July 15, 2022) — The Humane Society of the United States and Operation Kindness are assisting the Newton County Sheriff's Office with the rescue of about 10 dogs from an alleged cruelty situation in Newton County, Texas.

The Newton County Sheriff's Office responded to a residential property on July 6. The dogs appeared emaciated and had sores on their bodies. Some dogs had no access to water, others had inadequate water—likely only there from rainfall.

The HSUS helped the Newton County Sheriff Department with logistical support. This included arranging for members of the community and staff members from Jasper Animal Hospital to assist in removing the animals from the property and getting them the care they desperately needed.

Rachel Ide, animal crimes case manager for the HSUS, said: "It's heartbreaking to imagine the conditions these animals were living in. We are grateful to Deputy Henry and the Newton County Sheriff's Office for taking action to get these dogs the care they so deserve."

Sheriff Robert Burby of Newton County said: "Animal ownership is a huge responsibility, and one that no one should ever take lightly. It is our responsibility as animal owners to properly feed, provide shelters, and care for our animals in a safe and humane fashion. Animals depend on us for their health and well-being. They are innocent and never deserves be mistreated or neglected under no circumstances. It pains us deeply when this happens. We want to extend our thanks to the Humane Society of the United States for assisting us in this case. Deputy Henry has a unique and keen sense for investigating animal incidents, and is highly appreciated and valued by this Office."

Ed Jamison, CEO of Operation Kindness, said: "As soon as the Humane Society of the United States reached out, the team at Operation Kindness jumped into action to assist. The dogs will be arriving in our care on Friday, July 15, and we hope to place them immediately into foster homes. Thank you to the HSUS and the Newton County Sheriff's Office for assisting these dogs. We're looking forward to getting them on the road to recovery with all the veterinary care they need."

The dogs will be arriving at Operation Kindness on July 15 where they will later be placed with fosters to receive much-needed care. They will eventually be available for adoption via Operation Kindness.

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