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Perry County Animals Safe at Last

The Capital Area Humane Society is pleased to report the safe arrival of 22 dogs and one cat from the rescue effort that took place yesterday (Thursday) in Perry County.

“With winter storms predicted for today, it was crucial to get these animals to safety. The Perry County Humane Society is a foster-home based organization and does not have a shelter. At the request of the Perry County Humane Society the Capital Area Humane Society has assumed temporary custody of these animals. The animals have a full spectrum of medical needs and are currently undergoing necessary evaluation and treatment.” said Jodi Lytle Buckman, Capital Area Humane Society Executive Director.

The Capital Area Humane Society expects that some of the animals may be ready for transfer to other sheltering organizations as early as next week. Offers to assist in caring for these animals have been received from the Cincinnati SPCA, Cleveland Animal Protective League, Humane Society of Allen County, Union County Humane Society, Humane Society of Greater Dayton, Humane Society Serving Clark County, and numerous rescue organizations. The Columbus Dog Connection already has two dogs in addition to the 22 who came to Columbus. These animals are not currently available for adoption. As the medical needs of the animals are addressed including spay/neuter, dentistry and heartworm treatments they will be made available for adoption by the participating shelters and rescue organizations.

Please consider making a donation to the Perry County Humane Society to support their continuing efforts to protect and care for animals in their county. Donations for the Perry County Humane Society should be sent to P.O. Box 105, New Lexington, OH 43764. To help pay for the necessary veterinary care for the dogs rescued this week, the Capital Area Humane Society has set up a special fund. To contribute, please send a check to the Capital Area Humane Society with a notation for the Perry County Animal Fund, P.O. Box 21445, Columbus, OH 43221-0445.

The Capital Area Humane Society, a non-profit animal welfare organization founded in 1883, provides programs and services for animals and people in Central Ohio. The Capital Area Humane Society is the lead agency in Franklin County investigating cases of animal cruelty, abuse and neglect. The Capital Area Humane Society has four commissioned animal law enforcement agents who investigate more than 7,000 reports each year. More than 98 percent of our funding is provided by donations and fees for services, we are not a government agency and we do not receive operating support from national organizations. For more information about the Capital Area Humane Society, visit www.cahs-pets.org.

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