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Rescued Dogs Find New Homes

On June 15, 2017, Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter officers rescued 34 dogs from a Scotts Valley home -- primarily Boston terriers, along with a few Tibetan spaniels and a Chihuahua mix. We are pleased to announce nearly all have been placed in loving homes.

Following execution of the search warrants, staff and volunteers were very busy caring for the dogs, many of which had medical conditions requiring significant veterinary care, including removing rotten and abscessed teeth, blood-work, special diets, supplements and medications, antibiotics, ear cleaning and umbilical hernia repairs. Some female dogs appeared to have been bred repeatedly.

In addition to medical treatment, Animal Shelter staff and volunteers provided socialization and care to these neglected animals. Once ready for adoption, they were spay/neutered and all but three were placed into loving homes that will give them the attention and care they deserve. The Animal Shelter would like to thank the families that offered their homes -- several of whom contacted the Animal Shelter via social media -- as well as individuals who donated to help rehabilitate the animals.

Unfortunately, three dogs had to be euthanized after being diagnosed with irreparable chronic health and medical conditions.

The case began when the Animal Shelter was contacted by a concerned citizen regarding numerous dogs being kept in deplorable and inhumane conditions at a residence in the City of Scotts Valley that had been the subject of previous complaints. Despite the operator being currently listed as the Vice-President of the Boston Club of America, Animal Shelter officers found powerful odors and found dogs stacked in airline crates in a small dark room with no ventilation.

Pet overpopulation and animal hoarding are serious animal welfare issues that lead to suffering, life threatening situations, and euthanasia of pets. Santa Cruz County is a national leader with strong proactive laws that support and protect pets. For more information or to make a donation, go to www.scanimalshelter.org.