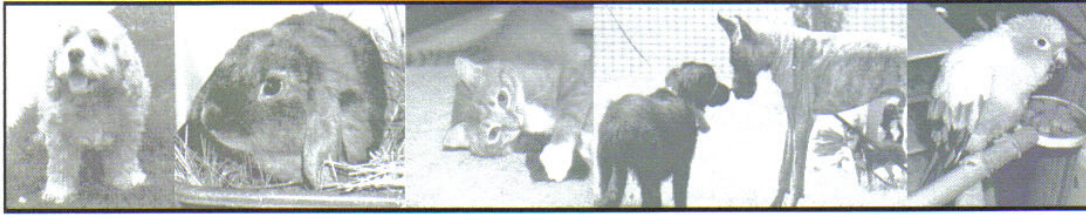


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Condition of Rescued Animals from Thyme & Sage Ranch Continues to Improve - Community Help Still Needed



MADISON, WI - At this time the caretaking of the animals rescued on May 19 from the Thyme & Sage Ranch continues to be provided by volunteers from United Animal Nations, The Humane Society of the United States and Dane County Humane Society. The animals being cared for include 315 dogs, 21 rabbits, 2 chinchillas, 1 cat, a ferret, 1 rooster, 14 birds, and 23 horses. The horses are currently being kept at a separate location.

In addition to the regular care, many of the animals had and continue to have medical issues that needed immediate and extreme attention. DCHS, ASPCA and HSUS are very thankful to all of the local Veterinarians, Vet Techs, and groomers that have volunteered their time to help examine and clean the dogs involved in the seizure.

The outpouring of community support has been incredible and greatly appreciated, but help is still needed. If the animals are transferred over to DCHS care, the medical attention and supplies will continue to be very costly. The **DCHS Rescue Relief Fund** has been established to help offset those costs. Please visit www.giveshelter.org to donate or for more information on how to help.

Current Rescue Relief items still needed include:

- Clay Litter (unscented and non-clumping)
- Timothy Hay
- Purina High Fiber Lab Diet Rabbit Pellets
- Totally Ferret Food
- Oxbow Chinchilla Deluxe
- Store Bought Wood Chew Blocks
- Bleach
- Laundry Detergent
- Gift Cards to pet supply stores, restaurants, and home/office supply stores

If you are interested in getting updated footage of the animals, please call Gayle Viney at 838-0413 x-129 and leave a message with your name, contact information and what time you would like to come to DCHS. Please note that due to animal caretaking needs, the time period available for getting photos or video is limited to **2:00 – 4:00 pm, Wednesday, May 27.**

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