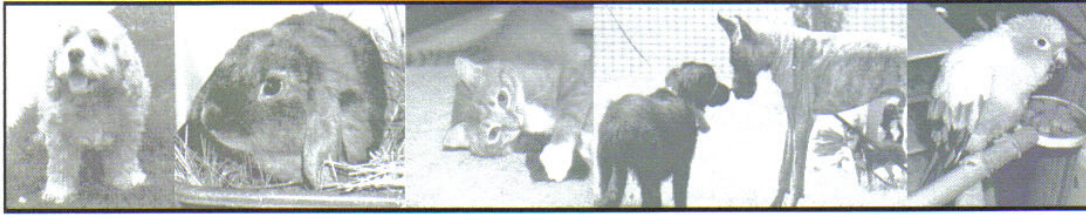


## Dane County Humane Society . . . *Helping People Help Animals*



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### **Dane County Humane Society Local Lead Agency Providing Support In Animal Abuse Case**



MADISON WI – Dane County Humane Society (DCHS) is the local lead agency providing the outdoor location for emergency shelter tents for the animals involved in the investigation and execution of a search warrant today at the Thyme and Sage Ranch in Cazenovia, Wis. The search warrant was executed by the Richland County Sheriff's department. The Richland County Sheriff's department impounded the animals and transferred custody of the animals to The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) who have transferred the custody to DCHS. DCHS and Wisconsin Federated Humane Societies worked together to identify area volunteer veterinarians and technicians to assist HSUS and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) in the care of the animals. DCHS, in their role as local lead agency, is assisting and supporting the animal rescue operations.

Executive Director Pam McCloud Smith said "It is out of our compassion for the animals that we are here, working under the direction of HSUS and ASPCA".

DCHS is committed to Helping People Help Animals and is dedicated to ensuring the safety and welfare of all animals in Dane County and our surrounding communities. DCHS stands behind the investigation of Thyme and Sage Ranch and plans to fulfill the needs of the ASPCA and HSUS teams to the best of their abilities as they work through the evidence of this overwhelming case of neglect. DCHS could not help the thousands of animals that enter our doors each year without the devotion of our community and we thank our volunteers and donors for their continued support throughout the next challenging weeks.

Anyone interested in helping during this critical time, please consider a donation to Dane County Humane Society's 'Rescue Relief Fund'. This can be done by going to the DCHS website [www.giveshelter.org](http://www.giveshelter.org). Donations of full sized bath towels (used but in good condition) and bundles of newspapers (with color ads removed) are also needed and can be dropped off at the shelter at 5132 Voges Road, Madison.

A press conference is tentatively planned for later Tuesday.

#### About Dane County Humane Society

Established in 1921, Dane County Humane Society (DCHS) serves south central Wisconsin in areas of animal intake and care and adoption, medical services, wildlife rehabilitation, humane education, and community outreach. For more information, please visit [www.giveshelter.org](http://www.giveshelter.org)

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