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Kansas Puppy Mill & New York Kennel Shut Down

Legal Action Taken Against Operators

Washington, D.C.—Today, there is one less source of puppies for the commercial puppy trade. And, there is one less substandard dog kennel in operation. Recent HSUS raids have shut down a filthy puppy mill and a disgraceful kennel.

In two raids separated by more than 1,000 miles, HSUS investigators seized several hundred suffering dogs, arranged for their care, and spurred legal action against the collector and breeder. Describing the two places as "cesspools", Frantz Dantzler, chief HSUS investigator, said "These two places were chosen for raids because they are typical of the many substandard puppy mills and kennels found in rural out-of-the-way America."

Both the Roseboom, New York Kennel and the Columbus, Kansas puppy mill had similar violations of humane standards and everyday common sense. Most of the seized animals had advanced cases of mange. Many animals had open festering sores. They lived in dark, airless, filthy shacks and rusty cages filled with excrement. All were clear violations of both states' anti-cruelty laws and the federal Animal Welfare Act.

According to John A. Hoyt, President of The Humane Society of the United States, "These two raids are a warning to shady operators and misguided collectors of unwanted dogs. Rural America is no longer a safe haven for operators of dog prisons. The Humane Society is determined to erase this cruel blight."

Similar raids are now being planned for various parts of the coun-

HSUS chief investigator Frantz Dantzler (right) and Dwain Marshall, shelter manager for the Joplin (MO) Humane Society discuss the condition of a dog seized at the Kansas puppy mill. Dantzler obtained a search and seizure warrant prior to raiding the premises.
The medieval cages were covered with parasites and sores. on the poor care, housing, and trans-
zler, mill was recently featured in a ABC-
ens and then fail to care for them pro-
grace must be made known to the
humane.

As a result of the Caras telecast, the
operator of this puppy factory volun-
tarily turned in her Department of
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e and kennels. But The HSUS is accel-

Public who innocently buy puppies at
buildings in disrepair, and a pack of

A bath and some shots, it was deemed to be in fairly good condition.

The court al-

The group obtained a search war-
set ups, yet in many

Koechling simply collected unwanted
dogs and kept them on her premises.

in one barn, dead dogs were found
stuffed in plastic bags. Very little food
was seen. Some dogs were eating dry
food off the earthen barn floors.

Following the search, the owner

Koechling could not call the puppy mill
operators a rescue or rescue group. Both
operators did not know how to properly care for the animals in their charge. Neither one could
be a legitimate breeder or kennel
operator by any thinking person.
Eileen McShane, president of the New York State Humane Association, holds a puppy found with a massive stomach wound. The dog was rushed to the intensive care ward of the Cobleskill Animal Hospital in hopes of saving its life. All efforts failed. The dog died shortly after reaching the hospital.

Bob Ives, humane agent for the Otsego County SPCA, and HSUS's Phil Steward (right) discuss plans for the care of the seized dogs. All participating groups are sharing the costs of care during the period the court is deliberating. Two hundred and six dogs were seized in Roseboom, NY.

For some of the dogs in Kansas and New York, death was the only thing that ended their suffering. All parties involved made every effort to save as many dogs as possible. However, in some cases, the dogs were too far gone.

overpopulation problem of dogs. And, the conditions in which the dogs were kept were totally inhumane.

Other people must have known about these places yet the law enforcement officials had not been informed or they chose to ignore these clear violations of their state laws. The HSUS has found this kind of blind apathy in other parts of the nation. It's doubtful any arrests or seizures would have been made had it not been for the sudden raids by The HSUS.

Your Help is Needed

Action is required to put not only out-of-the-way substandard breeders and kennels out of business, but also those in more highly populated areas.

In order to accomplish this nearly impossible task, The Humane Society needs your help. It takes money to search out, collect evidence, and prosecute the cruel users and collectors of animals. If you believe animals in situations like these must be protected, please indicate your support by using the enclosed contribution envelope.

Your help will produce results! Fewer animals will have to suffer. Let's begin a new era for animals and put an end to animal abuse.

As We Went to Press . . .

Word has just reached HSUS headquarters that the operator of the New York kennel pleaded guilty to a charge of cruelty to animals. The judge hearing the case gave Mrs. Koechling a suspended sentence. He said she can never own more than five dogs again. And she will be periodically monitored by the local humane society.

Even though a stiff fine was not handed down, this operator will never again be allowed to repeat her inhumane acts.

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