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## **The Humane Society of Charlotte Requested to Assist in Early Morning Breeder Surrender of 19 Puppy Mill Dogs in Western N.C.**

### **HSC's Emergency Response Team Returns Early Evening and Medical Treatment Will Begin**

Charlotte, N.C. – During the early morning hours of Saturday, April 27th, the Humane Society of Charlotte's Emergency Response Team left their 2700 Toomey Avenue Shelter en route to the site of a breeding operation in Western North Carolina. HSC was asked to assist as the primary rescue organization by the Humane Society of the United States, who worked in conjunction with the local Animal Care and Control organization.

At approximately 6:00pm this evening, HSC's Vice President of Operations, Jorge Ortega and the HSC Emergency Response Team arrived back at the Humane Society of Charlotte's location with 19 maltese / maltese-mix dogs ranging from the age of approximately 4 to 10 years of age. Each dog has been examined onsite by the Humane Society of Charlotte's shelter veterinarian, Dr. Judi Vogt. What she has reported as immediate issues are: Peridontal disease (grade 4); cataracts and dry eyes; and severe skin problems. All are in need of immediate medical care and many will need to be in foster homes following treatment.

Jorge Ortega, VP of Operations for the Humane Society of Charlotte notes "These animals were living in a situation that did not allow for any type of veterinary care which has led to their current condition. Our goal is to give them the care that they lacked along with a safe place to heal, and to find loving homes for them." The Humane Society of Charlotte objects to the inhumane treatment and irresponsible mass breeding techniques used in puppy mill operations. Interviews will be available upon arrival.

#### **About the Humane Society of Charlotte:**

The Humane Society of Charlotte is a community resource committed to improving the lives of companion animals through adoption, spay/neuter and education. The Humane Society of Charlotte provides low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for cats and dogs to reduce pet overpopulation throughout the Carolinas. The "space available" shelter provides pets with the love and attention they need to live happy and healthy lives while awaiting a new home. The Humane Society of Charlotte is a nonprofit organization that relies solely on private donations to achieve its mission.

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