



## **"Naples 85" Dog Rescue Fact Sheet**

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who has stepped up to help and give donations of time, money, and supplies. Your support is felt deeply here by the staff at the Ontario County Humane Society and it's being passed on to the "Naples 85." These loveable fur babies are getting the proper care, attention, and support they need and it's all thanks to you! Although these underdogs are on the road to recovery, we have a long way to go. Here are the facts on the "Naples 85" Dog Rescue mission.

### **Situation**

- Happy Tails Animal Shelter (the Ontario County Humane Society) is caring for 85 dogs seized from a home in Naples on July 31 in one of the largest animal cruelty cases seen in the area.
- The task of caring for the dogs has overwhelmed the shelter staff and resources and immediate funds are needed to treat and board the dogs.
- This is a legal case and the dogs cannot be released for adoption until deemed by the court. The next court date is August 15, which will present the next "legal" steps in this situation.
- We will regularly update Facebook and our website with details and when the dogs will be up for adoption or fostering.
- The dogs range from 4 months to 6 years and all are expected to recover.
- The Town identified the expense to care for the dogs is \$15 a day X 85 dogs X 90 days = \$114,750. We're hoping to raise \$125,000 to cover the cost of services and additional supplies to properly manage the mass intake of treating and boarding the 85+ terriers (Cairn Terriers/ Yorkshire Terriers) in our care.
- Funds are being used to clean, feed, shelter, vaccinate and treat the dogs for fleas, allergies, eye irritations, parasites and other conditions.

### **Volunteers**

- More than 100 people have stepped up to volunteer. Volunteer shifts and duties are being arranged to manage the generous offer of hands-on support we've received.
- Volunteers will work two shifts a day helping in the morning and afternoon from cleaning cages, to helping feed, manage supplies, count inventory, etc.
- Visit our homepage to register to volunteer.

### **Adoption/Fostering**

- Adoption and foster care for the dogs is the next phase in this process. Our goal is to quickly and efficiently allow as many of these animals as possible to be made adoptable to (or fostered by) responsible owners. We're encouraging people who are interested to complete an application on our website.

- All of the dogs will need to be fostered or adopted, eventually. Legally we must wait until the court grants us official custody of the dogs, which could take up to eight months.
- Adoption is \$95/dog, which covers the cost to spay or neuter, microchip, and vaccinate the dog.
- Ontario County Humane Society prefers local fosters to ensure proximity to continue treating the dogs, e.g., local vet will need to be accessible for the dogs to be treated by vets they have a relationship with. These dogs are very traumatized because most of them have never been socialized.

### **How to Help**

- The best way to help is with a financial donation. A monetary gift allows us to use the funds how we need it most, which is to vaccinate, clean, feed, board, and treat the dogs for parasites, and other issues.
- We've had an out pouring of support for dog food and linens. We are at storage capacity for both and fear that we will not be able to properly store food, or it may spoil, thus a financial donation is the best way to help as we're able to allocate the funding for the supplies and services needed now and over the long term.
- Third-party fundraisers to support the dogs are welcomed and encouraged. Please visit go to the homepage of our website to download a third-party fundraising form.
- Tell your friends! Help us pass the word along that the "Naples 85" urgently need help. Share on Facebook.
- The other way to help immediately is to adopt the other animals in the shelter to make room for the "Naples 85."
- Host a fundraiser: Round up your loose change, host a fundraiser at your place of business, get creative!
- Happy Tails Animal Shelter (Ontario County Humane Society) honors donor intent. All donations designated to care for the terriers seized from Naples will be used for this mission.
- To donate, visit [ontariocountyhumanesociety.org](http://ontariocountyhumanesociety.org) and click on the donate button to make a gift through PayPal.
- Send a check to the Ontario County Humane Society

### **Contact the Ontario County Humane Society**

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