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HAWS HOUSING OVER 300 CHINCHILLAS

Waukesha animal resource center caring for animals seized by Waukesha law enforcement

WAUKESHA — March 30, 2015 — HAWS, the Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County, has been called upon to act as the holding facility for over 300 chinchillas, seized on March 29 from a home within the city of Waukesha.

Police and Fire Department authorities were called to the home on Sunday morning to check on a human resident of the home when several hundred chinchillas were discovered on the property. The Fire department immediately took steps to vent the home due to the ammonia levels found there, and contacted HAWS to assist in transport and housing of the animals.

HAWS is in turn asking the community for their assistance in caring for the animals. Items needed for donation include:

- Timothy hay
- Chinchilla food (rabbit food pellets can also be used)
- Chinchilla dust
- Small animal mineral blocks and chinchilla chewing blocks
- Crock-style food dishes, approximately 4"-5" in diameter
- Small animal airline crates (wire dog/cat crates are not appropriate in this housing situation as they can escape or get caught in the spacing)
- Monetary donations

Donations can be made:

- By visiting hawspets.org and clicking on the DONATE button
- By calling 262.542.8851 and making a credit card donation over the phone
- By sending a check to HAWS, PO Box 834, Waukesha, WI 53187-0834
- Or in person at 701 Northview Road, Waukesha.

Information on the eventual disposition and possible adoption of the animals will be forthcoming, as law enforcement and the County's humane officers resolve this case.

HAWS, a non-profit organization established in 1965, assists over 6,000 animals each year and welcomes more than 31,000 human visitors to our shelter annually. As an open admissions and full service shelter, HAWS assures sanctuary for animals in need while offering educational programs and services to promote responsible pet ownership and prevent animal abuse. The shelter is located at 701 Northview Road in Waukesha, Wisconsin. For more information call (262) 542-8851 or log onto our website at hawspets.org.

Friend us on Facebook at "Humane Animal Welfare Society" and follow our Tweets at "HAWS_Waukesha."

HAWS: Building a Society that's Humane.

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