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Humane Society of Huron Valley Seizes 33 Dogs from Northfield Twp. Kennel

Ann Arbor, MI. On a tip from a dog owner that had her dog boarded at a local Kennel, the Humane Society of Huron Valley Rescue and Cruelty Officers investigated Ackley Kennels in Northfield Township, MI, and seized 33 dogs on May 21, 2009.

“Our investigation found that dogs were living in filthy conditions,” said Julie Curtis, Lead HSHV Investigator. “Most dogs were matted with their own feces and the kennels were filled with waste. These are not the kind of conditions that any animal should be subjected to.”

Ackley Kennels is a boarding and breeding facility that breeds Airedale Terriers and Standard Schnauzers. Some of the 33 dogs seized are owned and were at the boarding facility for short-term stays. HSHV is contacting the dog owners and is evaluating the health and behavior of all the other dogs.

“Some of these dogs look like they have never seen the light of day,” said Tanya Hilgendorf, HSHV Executive Director. “But, we are committed to them and remain very hopeful that they can be adopted after they are cared for at HSHV.”

“Taking in 33 dogs at one time in a shelter that is already full is a big challenge for us. We have a lot of wonderful people really struggling to make this work. It is not easy for us and we are really tight for space right now. If you are ready for a new family member, please consider coming out to adopt,” added Hilgendorf.

Special thanks to Tall Oaks Kennels in Whitmore Lake for helping board some of our already adoptable dogs to make room for the dogs from this case, and to Groomin’ N’ Crusin’ of Manchester for donating time to wash and groom dogs over the Holiday weekend.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV) is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving all of Washtenaw County and beyond, and relies solely on donations from businesses and individuals in our community. The mission of HSHV is to promote responsible and compassionate care of all animals in our community. For more information, call (734) 662-5585 or visit www.hshv.org.

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