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“ANGELS AMONG US Saves 31 Lives
In One of GA’s Biggest Puppy Mill Shut-Downs”

ALPHARETTA, GA – Angels Among Us Pet Rescue (AAUPR) volunteers spent the weekend bringing 31 small breed dogs to safe haven as part of a massive puppy mill shutdown in south Georgia. Nearly 700 dogs were recovered from horrific hoarding conditions on the property.

AAUPR was on site as volunteers answered an emergency call to action ensuring that animals removed from the property could be brought to safety and receive the immediate medical attention they needed.

“Our volunteers witnessed the unfathomable conditions these poor dogs had endured for years, and our amazing fosters quickly rallied to open their hearts and homes to the rescue effort,” said AAUPR Co-founder, LuAnn Farrell. “We are so proud of our volunteer network who helped us bring 31 dogs back to the Atlanta area. These dogs will be thoroughly evaluated, carefully treated, and eventually adopted into loving families.”

The nearly 700 dogs were living in squalor, packed into tiny crates and covered in their own feces and urine. The cages were stacked on top of each other, and many of the animals appeared to have lived their entire life inside these cramped quarters. Many were unable to walk. Underneath severely matted coats that could have cut off circulation, the majority suffered from severe skin issues, malnutrition to the point of emaciation, and rotted teeth.

AAUPR estimates that it will cost \$40,000-50,000 for medical care and rehabilitation of these 31 lives. The dogs are currently receiving veterinary care and will be released into foster homes this week. The breeds represented in the AAUPR group include Miniature Poodles, West Highland Terriers, Yorkshire Terriers, and Cocker Spaniels.

“The mission of Angels Among Us is to help end animal suffering, and these types of puppy mill operations are pure evil,” said Ms. Farrell. “What many people don’t understand or allow themselves to see is that the cute babies in pet stores or online

that are sold for thousands of dollars come from these corrupt operations. These abused, neglected victims are their parents.”

AAUPR reports that this is the fourth large puppy mill/hoarding case it has been involved in since January of this year. “We want the public to be aware and to know that there are many ways to support rescue. You can donate, foster, volunteer, or even simply follow our social media sites and share our stories to help people hear the voices of these animals. We look forward to providing regular updates on our social media for the 31 dogs in this case, and anticipate incredible, transformations in the upcoming months.”

Angels Among Us Pet Rescue, Inc is a 501(c)3 non-profit volunteer-based organization dedicated to rescuing dogs and cats from high-kill shelters in Georgia. AAU operates through a network of foster homes in the metro Atlanta area.

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