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Dogs Once Destined for Slaughter on South Korean Dog Meat Farm Now Safe in Larimer County

Larimer Humane Society partners with Humane Society International to find loving homes for dogs rescued from dog meat farm in South Korea

LARIMER COUNTY, COLO. (April 29, 2016) – Ten dogs rescued from deplorable conditions of a South Korea dog meat farm by Humane Society International (HSI) will receive their second chance at a loving home in Larimer County with the help of Larimer Humane Society. The ten dogs arriving at Larimer Humane Society are part of a group of 250 dogs and puppies rescued by HIS's Animal Rescue Team from a dog meat farm in Wonju, South Korea. These dogs have been living in filthy, cramped cages exposed to the elements and given only enough food to survive. Many suffer from disease, injury, malnutrition and were subject to terrible, daily neglect and cruelty. The breeds of the ten dogs arriving in Colorado include four Mastiffs, three Jindo mixes, two Husky mixes and one Labrador mix.

Upon arrival in Colorado, the dogs will be transported to Larimer County where Larimer Humane Society and two other partner agencies from the Northern Colorado Regional Animal Welfare Coalition, Animal House and Black Dog Animal Rescue, will admit the ten dogs into their care where they will receive a full medical and behavioral evaluation. Before being made available for adoption the dogs will be treated for any medical issues and begin any necessary behavior modification to help socialize the fearful and shy dogs.

"We believe every animal deserves a second chance and we pride ourselves on being an open admission shelter, taking in every animal that comes to us," said Judy Calhoun, Executive Director of Larimer Humane Society. "It's pretty amazing that we are able to help in a rescue like this in our current shelter, image what we will be able to accomplish in our new shelter! But at the end of the day it is collaborations like this with Humane Society International and the Northern Colorado Regional Animal Welfare Coalition that make second chances for animals in need possible." – Page 2 of 2 –

Media members are invited to join us for a photo opportunity with the dogs and interview with Larimer Humane Society and partner agencies representatives.

What: Photo/Interview Opportunity

Where: Larimer Humane Society 6317 Kyle Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80525

When: Monday, May 2nd at 11 a.m.

Who: Judy Calhoun, Executive Director of Larimer Humane Society, Aubyn Royall, Colorado State Director of Humane Society of United States, Ali Eccleston, Executive Director of Animal House, Britney Wallesch, Executive Director of Black Dog Animal Rescue

Photos and videos of the South Korea dog meat farm are available here.

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About Larimer Humane Society: Founded in 1969, Larimer Humane society promotes and provides the responsible care and treatment of animals. As an open door shelter, Larimer Humane Society admits every animal in need, regardless of breed, sex, age, behavior, medical condition or history. Through quality adoptions, veterinary services, humane education and Animal Protection and Control services, Larimer Humane Society cares for thousands of animals each year. Larimer Humane Society is an independent, non-government, non-profit organization, and is not a part of any national humane organization. For more information, please visit www.larimerhumane.org.

About Humane Society International: Humane Society International and its partner organizations together constitute one of the world's largest animal protection organizations. For more than 20 years, HSI has been working for the protection of all animals through the use of science, advocacy, education and hands on programs. Celebrating animals and confronting cruelty worldwide – on the web at <u>hsi.org</u>.

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