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NOCO HUMANE LEADS RESCUE OF 80 DOGS FOLLOWING TENANT EVICTION

Animal Welfare Organizations Across Front Range Provide Support

Loveland, January 31, 2024 – On Wednesday, NOCO Humane coordinated the care and transfer of 80 large dogs from a property in Lyons, Colorado. The tenant of the property was served an eviction notice in December, following more than one year of deliberately operating an unlicensed pet animal facility under Colorado State Law. The Pet Animal Care Facilities Act (PACFA) — a program of the Colorado Department of Agriculture — appointed NOCO Humane as the caretaker for these vulnerable animals.

In total, 80 large-breed dogs were removed from the Lyons property. “We recognize that this is a challenging and devastating situation for all involved,” said Judy Calhoun, CEO of NOCO Humane, “but we are also grateful that we have the capacity to provide these wonderful animals with a home in the face of homelessness.” Thanks to the support and commitment of regional partners, NOCO Humane has coordinated the transfer of 72 dogs to ten shelters and rescues across the Front Range, from Pueblo up to Cheyenne. NOCO Humane is also coordinating with rescues and individuals that may have provided care to any one of the dogs prior to its relocation to the Lyons property.

Eight of the primarily Husky-mix dogs made their way to NOCO Humane’s Larimer Campus in Loveland. “We are happy to report that the dogs appear to be both healthy and well-socialized with other dogs and people,” remarked Calhoun. “Hopefully, this means that they won’t need to spend too much time in an unfamiliar shelter environment, especially since these dogs are accustomed to living outdoors.” At NOCO Humane, each of the dogs will undergo a full medical and behavioral evaluation, and will receive any specialized care as needed. “We anticipate that these dogs will be excellent adoption candidates,” said Calhoun, “and we look forward to finding each of them a home.”

For those interested in adoption, please visit nocohumane.org, where the list of adoptable animals is updated every fifteen minutes. “We will, of course, remind potential adopters that

huskies and other northern breed dogs typically require daily exercise and an outlet for their high-energy and natural athleticism,” emphasized Calhoun. In a well-suited household, however, huskies can be magnificent pets. “I’m sure these dogs are going to bring a lot of smiles to the faces of their new families, and I’m glad that NOCO Humane could be a part of their stories.”

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About NOCO Humane

Founded in 1969, NOCO Humane (formerly known as Larimer Humane Society) is the largest animal welfare organization dedicated to homeless and abused animals in Northern Colorado. NOCO Humane is more than a shelter, this nonprofit organization serves as a community resource center and advocate for fostering compassionate, safe, and responsible relationships between animals and people. NOCO Humane provides adoption services, support for pet owners, and humane education for all ages. As the leader in animal welfare in Northern Colorado, the organization holds contracts to provide animal control and sheltering services for Fort Collins, Loveland, Berthoud, Timnath, and Larimer County. Additionally, NOCO Humane provides animal sheltering services for Greeley, Evans, Weld County, Johnstown, and Wellington. It is a local, independent nonprofit not affiliated with national organizations such as ASPCA or the Humane Society of the United States and does not receive funding from these organizations. To learn more about NOCO Humane, please visit nocohumane.org.

NOCO Humane owns and operates two animal shelters in Northern Colorado:

Larimer Campus (formerly Larimer Humane Society)

3501 E 71st St

Loveland, CO 80538

Weld Campus (formerly The Humane Society of Weld County)

1620 42nd St

Evans, CO 80620