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Central Dakota Humane Society rescues 96 dogs from breeder

**Rescue is largest in Central Dakota's fifty-year history;
Shelter temporarily closes to care for rescued**

Officials with the Central Dakota Humane Society (CDHS) of Mandan have rescued 96 dogs from a Scranton, ND dog breeder who was in the process of being shut down by local law enforcement.

Most of the dogs are puppies. The rescue is the largest in the organization's fifty-year history and will require thousands of dollars in veterinarian care and food and comes at a time when the organization is in desperate need for a new facility. The unexpected rescue has forced Central Dakota Humane Society to temporarily close its shelter. The closing reflects the serious issues the organization faces in adequately housing and caring for the animals.

This rescue also showcases, more than anything else, the service Central Dakota Humane Society provides the region. Rather than forcing authorities to try to take care of the crisis, which would have included veterinary care and possibly euthanasia at taxpayers' expense, Central Dakota Humane Society came to the rescue.

The organization just marked its fiftieth anniversary and is considering launching a capital campaign for a new facility. Sue Buchholz, director of Central Dakota Humane Society, said this rescue is further proof that the organization needs a new facility, even a new location, in order to serve the public.

"We are in dire need of public support and the best support we can get is for people to be willing to give us cash donations, even land, so that we can build a new facility that will better serve the region," says Buchholz.

Central Dakota Humane Society wants the public to also know that Prairie Paws Rescue of Jamestown took in an additional 33 dogs. Like Central Dakota Humane Society, Prairie Paws finds itself strapped for resources and is in need of financial support to meet the unexpected demand. Central Dakota Humane Society encourages people to help Prairie Paws in any way possible.

Due to the seriousness of the dogs' conditions, it's likely to be several weeks before they will be available for adoption. Buchholz said, "People who buy dogs off the Internet or from outlets that use puppy mills should realize the squalor that's frequently behind the scenes."

You can donate online at cdhs.net — Just click on the donation link at the bottom of our rescue story on the homepage — Or by calling the shelter at 701-667-2020. Your generosity couldn't come at a better time.

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