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Central Dakota Humane Society Rescues Dogs From Puppy Mill

On Wednesday, March 4th the Central Dakota Humane Society (CDHS) rescued 34 dogs from a North Dakota animal breeder. These dogs include Cocker Spaniels, Papillons, Cairn Terriers, American Eskimo, and several other small breed dogs. Nine of these dogs went to Prairie Paws in Jamestown and the remaining 25 went to CDHS.

CDHS was contacted by a concerned citizen stating that the breeder was not taking care of the animals properly. We contacted the breeder to find out what the situation was. The breeder stated that they were closing the business and had moved off of the farm. They were in the process of selling off their remaining breeding stock. They wanted to sell the animals, but CDHS is not in the business of buying animals.

After notifying our members of the situation, supporters came forward with donations to help immediately remove the animals from their current living conditions. Although the owners wanted a higher price for the dogs at the start, they did agree to sell the animals to CDHS for \$100.00 each. CDHS used the money donated by the supporters to purchase these animals.

"CDHS does not make a habit of purchasing animals," stated Sue Buchholz Shelter Director. "This was the only way we could get this breeder to release these animals into our care. Our supporters provided the means to do this."

"These animals are all in need of medical care," stated Buchholz. "Many of the dogs have skin conditions, very painful teeth and gums, and foot problems from standing in wire cages. These conditions are all treatable. Once they are socialized and their health is restored they will all be available for adoption."

"Sadly this is not the only breeder in North Dakota. There are breeders all across the state that treat their animals the same way. Situations like these are not uncommon. Current laws in North Dakota do not prevent something like this from happening," stated Buchholz.