

**SPCA Seizes Dogs  
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The organization is looking for people to adopt more than 30 dogs rescued last week from inhumane conditions.



In two separate raids last week, one that took place at night, officials with the Adams County SPCA seized more than 30 malnourished dogs including Yorkshire terriers, golden retrievers, boxers, chihuahuas and Italian greyhounds.

The dogs were seized from two Adams County properties and the Gettysburg area shelter is now tasked with finding space, time and resources to care for all the dogs.

"It's very unusual to have this many dogs come in at one

time," said shelter manager Dawn Wike. "I don't have the staff to take care of them. I have to pay people overtime and we don't have the resources for that."



Officials seized about 16 dogs last Thursday from a junkyard along Route 30, across from Mister Ed's Elephant Museum in Franklin Township, according to Chris Ameduri, a member of the SPCA Board of Directors.

Known locally as the "Tick Tock" dogs, SPCA officials have been trying for years to rescue the animals they say lived in inhumane conditions.

"This woman's been selling dogs and puppies and we've had multiple complaints and the place is a mess," Wike said.

After an investigation - and the threat of legal action because some dogs weren't licensed and others hadn't been given rabies shots - the owner agreed to surrender the animals, Wike said.

The dogs were mostly golden retrievers mixed with other breeds and ranged in age from 6 months to 4 years.

"They're thin and a little backwards because they've been tied to dog boxes all their lives," Wike said. "It's not like they're anything to be scared of. The people had six kids so these dogs are safe around children. They're just fearful and need extra love and attention."

The other seizure took place last Monday, but Wike said she couldn't discuss many of the details because of expected legal action.

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This seizure took place in the middle of the night on Old Westminster Road, south of Hanover. Officials seized about 18 dogs of various ages and breeds, including Yorkies, boxers and Italian greyhounds. Many of these dogs were sent to breed-specific shelters, some as far away as New York state.

"For the most part, the health of these dogs was OK and their temperament was OK," Wike said. "Some had muscle atrophy from living in cramped quarters but they really weren't in that bad a shape."

Although many dogs have been transported out of Adams County, Wike said the Gettysburg shelter currently houses 32 of the rescued dogs, about twice as many as it typically holds.

"I'd like to get at least half adopted by the end of the month," she said. "But they need to go to the right home. It can't just be a good home. People are going to have to be patient with these dogs."

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**HOW TO HELP**

The Adams County SPCA last week rescued more than 30 dogs, of various breeds and ages, from conditions officials say were inhumane. Those interested in adopting a dog should complete an adoption application at [www.adamscountyspca.net](http://www.adamscountyspca.net).

Once approved, those interested can visit the shelter Monday through Saturday at 11 Goldenville Road in Gettysburg. For more information call the shelter at (717) 334-8876.