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SICSA RESCUES DOGS FROM ANIMAL NEGLECT

Kettering, March 3, 2011. The Society for the Improvement of Conditions for Stray Animals' rescued 10 dogs from deplorable conditions at a Piqua shelter. SICSA made two trips to Piqua assisting in rescuing 10 of 100 dogs confiscated at a Piqua shelter, run by Jeff Burgess. Piqua authorities have filed criminal charges relating to cruelty to animals against Burgess who operated under the Once More Chance Adoption name. "It was quite apparent that the dogs had been living under harsh conditions, many of them with wounds from competition over limited food and some with skin infections due to chronic exposure to poor environmental conditions", commented Suzanne Slaidins-Dull, SICSA's Interim Executive Director.

The rescued dogs are doing well after veterinary medical care, proper nutrition and individual care from SICSA staff and foster families. The rescued dogs range in size from Jack Russell Terrier mixes to Boxer mixes. Not all of the dogs are up for adoption; some are in foster homes recuperating from illnesses. Several of the dogs are up for adoption now.

SICSA is accepting donations for the veterinary care of the Piqua dogs at www.sicsa.org or by mail 2600 Wilmington Pike, Kettering, OH 45419. The dogs will be up for adoption in the coming weeks and will need patience from their new families. SICSA is asking potential adopters to go to their website for more information.

Mission statement:

To promote the welfare of companion animals and to nurture loving, lifelong relationships between animals and people.

History of SICSA:

In 1974, a group of dedicated individuals committed to offering Dayton, Ohio an alternative to the traditional animal welfare system, came together and created the Society for the Improvement of Conditions for Stray Animals (SICSA). For 36 years, people in the Miami Valley have supported SICSA in a partnership of caring to build a strong humane community. Our adoption center has grown from a small suburban house to a state-of-the-art facility saving about 50,000 homeless dogs and cats in the last 35 years. We have also sterilized another 60,000 animals for the community. SICSA is a non-profit 501 (c) (3).