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## RedRover Helping Alaqua Animal Refuge Care For 130+ Dogs Rescued From Local Residence

**Holmes County, FL** (August 15, 2019) – RedRover, a national nonprofit animal welfare organization, is on the ground August 15 – 21 to help Alaqua Animal Refuge provide daily care and comfort for 130+ dogs rescued from neglect. The owners of the dogs were arrested on felony animal charges.

"There was no way we could pull this off without assistance. I put the call out to Panhandle Animal Welfare Society and Walton County Animal Shelter, who did not hesitate to assist us with manpower and vehicles. It was a very hot day and everyone worked tirelessly to remove the dogs from the property," stated Laurie Hood, Alaqua founder.

The animals are being cared for at Alaqua's Refuge. RedRover is sending eight trained RedRover Responders volunteers for seven days to help care for the animals and will work alongside the Florida State Animal Rescue Coalition (FL SARC). The RedRover Responders volunteers are traveling from across Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee to assist during this crisis.

"More than 60 percent of these dogs are heartworm positive. We will do everything we can to provide the best comfort and care while they are on the road to recovery," said RedRover Director of Field Services, Beth Gammie.



Distinguished by their red shirts, RedRover Responders volunteers are specially trained to care for and shelter large numbers of animals after they have been rescued from cruelty and neglect cases or natural disasters. The volunteers provide a skilled and compassionate workforce which enables a jurisdiction to address animal cruelty and neglect in their community.

With more than 4,000 trained volunteers in the United States and Canada, RedRover can deploy its volunteers quickly when communities become overburdened by a crisis involving large numbers of animals. In its 32-year history, RedRover has responded to more than 200 natural disasters and other crises around the country including Hurricanes Michael, Irma, Charley, Katrina and many more.



To donate to RedRover's Emergency Response Fund, visit <https://redrover.org/donateresponders>.

To learn how to become a RedRover Responders volunteer, visit: <https://redrover.org/volunteer>.

## **About RedRover**

Since 1987, RedRover has focused on bringing animals out of crisis and strengthening the human-animal bond through emergency sheltering, disaster relief services, financial assistance and humane education. RedRover is a founding member of the National Animal Rescue and Sheltering Coalition (NARSC), established after Hurricane Katrina's devastating impact to more people and animals than any other storm in the history of the United States. For the fourth consecutive year, RedRover's sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from [Charity Navigator](#), America's largest independent charity evaluator. To learn how RedRover is creating a more compassionate world, please visit [RedRover.org](#).