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RedRover Helping HSUS Care for Approximately 140 Dogs Rescued from Alleged Neglect Situation In North Florida

Florida (February 25, 2020) – RedRover is on the ground February 23 - 29, to assist the Humane Society of the United States provide daily care and comfort to approximately 140 dogs rescued from a large-scale alleged neglect situation in North Florida. The dogs were rescued from a residential property in Dixie County, Florida. The animals were primarily found living outside, contained in hutches which were caked in feces and leaking in the rain. Some of the animals had no apparent access to food or water. The majority of the dogs were suffering from skin conditions characterized by missing fur, sores and itchy skin.

RedRover sent 18 RedRover Responders volunteers for seven days to help care for the animals. These volunteers are traveling from South Carolina, Delaware, Massachusetts, Illinois, Vermont, California, Indiana, Georgia, Michigan, Wisconsin and Florida to assist during this crisis.

The assistance of the Humane Society of the United States was requested by the Dixie County Sheriff's Office after concerns were raised about the welfare of animals on the property.

"We will diligently care for these poor animals to help them on the road to recovery," said Beth Gammie, RedRover Director of Field Services. "It's crucial to provide that extra TLC, beyond making sure that just their basic needs are met, to help these dogs to learn how to trust again so they can eventually find a loving home."

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 33-year history, RedRover has responded to more than 200 natural disasters and other crises including Hurricanes Michael, Irma, Harvey, Superstorm Sandy 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>.

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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 on more people and animals than any other storm in the history of the United States. For the fifth 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