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Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth responds to reports of 8 large dogs found abandoned in Perth County

STRATFORD, ONTARIO: On March 23, the Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth (HSKWSP) responded to several reports of dogs running loose in and around Mitchell in Perth County. HSKWSP animal services officers attended and were able to secure four dogs safely. Over the course of the following week, four more dogs were reported, secured and brought into care.

“We suspect all eight dogs are from the same household as many have similar features and are roughly the same age. All dogs came in with dirty coats, some had matted fur, one was suffering from an ear infection, another needed a dental cleaning, and all suffered from varying levels of being underweight,” said Amber Gaynor, Stratford Perth animal centre manager, HSKWSP.

Three dogs have now been adopted, four dogs – Dream, Hope, Maddie and Glory – are currently available for adoption, and the remaining dog (Faith) is still under medical care. Details about the dogs available for adoption can be found on the Humane Society’s website.

“We are urging people not to abandon their pets. We exist to support people and their furry family members in times of crisis and always encourage people to call us to discuss how we might be able to support them, whether through our pet pantry program, low-cost spay neuter services, training opportunities or surrender services,” stated Calla James, director, community engagement & outreach, HSKWSP.

The Humane Society has confirmed that the OPP is investigating the incident. If you have information regarding this situation, please call OPP directly at 519-348-9700. If you’re experiencing a crisis and struggling to care for your pet, contact the Humane Society at 519-745-5615 (Kitchener) or 519-273-6600 (Stratford).

Interested in helping the Humane Society? There are many ways that you can lend a hand currently:

- HSKWSP is urgently looking for large-breed dog fosters in Stratford. Interested parties must live in Perth County or Wilmot Township and can complete an application form online at kwsphumane.ca.
- With 50 dogs, 71 cats and 40 small animals available between both centres, the HSKWSP strongly encourages community members to consider adopting. Please visit kwsphumane.ca to see all available animals or to submit an application.
- Community members can provide a donation towards the dogs’ cost of care, including medical bills. Donations are graciously accepted at kwsphumane.ca or in person at the Stratford Perth Animal Centre, 125 Griffith Road, Stratford.

We are leaders in animal welfare in our communities and committed to promoting the human-animal bond, while focusing on the responsible treatment of animals through education, collaboration, compliance, advocacy and care. Charitable BIN 11898 3550 RR0001

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