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**Shelter Prepares to Adopt Dogs from Rockville Seizure**

Animal Services Division Gains Custody of 66 Dogs Seized from Rockville, Maryland Home

**Derwood, MD** – The Animal Services Division (ASD) has gained legal custody of the 66 seized dogs that it has been caring for at its shelter. When officers suspected that a large quantity of animals were being kept in a home on the 13000 block of Glen Mill Road in Rockville, they executed a search warrant on New Year’s Day and removed and transported all 66 dogs to the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center in Derwood, Maryland.

Through an ongoing process that has involved assessing the health and behavior of every dog and providing medical treatment for those whom required it – plus a few baths and some extreme grooming – the shelter is now able to make some of the dogs ready for adoption. Shelter staff also expects that some of the dogs, about half of the group, will go to local rescue partners or other regional shelters, who can also support the special needs of these dogs.

Several of the dogs required immediate medical attention. Three of the 66 dogs had to be humanely euthanized because they suffered from severe medical conditions that were likely a source of extreme pain.

The investigation began on December 31st when Animal Services Officers visited the home in response to a dog bite case; the visit led to the seizure on New Year’s Day. Investigators have since confirmed that the dog involved in the bite case was not among the 66 taken from the home. ASD has determined that the dog in question is alive and well and have thus concluded the bite investigation.

Because the case is still under investigation, the shelter has not released information about the homeowner or the environment in which the animals were kept. Investigators have not filed charges to date.

**About the Department of Police, Animal Services Division:**

*The Department of Police, Animal Services Division, provides high-standard sheltering and care to the homeless, abused, and neglected animals in our community and ensures the safety and welfare of the county’s citizens. We operate the County’s only open-admissions, municipal shelter. Through adoptions, education, outreach, and more, the Animal Services Division serves as a critical community resource to promote and advocate for responsible pet care. Animal Services Officers are on duty seven days a week to investigate citizen complaints and respond to animal emergencies 24 hours a day. For more information, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/asd](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/asd)*

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