

GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

Protecting and Promoting the Optimal Health and Well-Being of Galveston County

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Malnourished Dogs and Cats Seized from an Unincorporated Area Near Santa Fe

Galveston County, Texas- On the morning of September 13th, the Galveston County Animal Resource Center (ARC) conducted a mass animal seizure from an unincorporated area near Santa Fe with assistance from animal control officers and deputies from the Galveston County Sheriff's Office.

Over twenty severely malnourished dogs and cats were living in deplorable conditions with no access to food in what has been described as a “Hoarding” situation. A litter of 3-day-old puppies and a deceased dog were included in the group of seized animals.

The seizure was the first significant step. Whether or not the individual will get any of the pets back and or face charges will be determined by officials, next week.

If you suspect or see signs of animal cruelty, please call the ARC at (409) 948-2485 to submit your report.

For media inquiries, please contact Brie Little at (409) 938-2211 or blittle@gchd.org.

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The Galveston County Health District (GCHD) is committed to identifying public health issues that impact our everyday life. We work daily to prevent disease, protect against public health threats and promote good health for all of Galveston County.

The Galveston County Animal Resource Center (ARC) is the largest and best-equipped animal shelter in Galveston County. The ARC offers services including pet adoptions, rescue and foster, pet registration, vaccinations, spay and neuter, and animal control.

For more information about the Galveston County Health District and its entities, visit the health district's homepage at www.gchd.org.