



PRESS ADVISORY: Media Welcome

ARF SAVES 20 DOGS FROM MISSOURI PUPPY MILL DOGS ARRIVE ON EAST END LATER TODAY

Wainscott, NY March 24, 2010 The Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons, Inc. (ARF) today rescued 20 dogs from a Missouri Puppy Mill. This is the first of four rescues ARF has planned for this year. In collaboration with humane partners, Best Friends Animal Society and The Monmouth County SPCA, these dogs will be placed up for adoption instead of being euthanized.

A Puppy Mill, also known as a Puppy Farm is a dog breeding facility that produces puppies in large numbers usually to be sold on the internet and in pet stores. The breeder dogs live their lives in chicken wire cages and are forced to reproduced, litter after litter. It's a tragic life; receiving limited human contact and poor veterinary care. Once these breeder dogs grow older and are no longer useful, most are typically killed.

Today these dogs are on their way to a better life. ARF Operations Director, Michele Forrester, along with ARF volunteers, are currently transporting these 20 breeder dogs to the ARF Adoption Center, 90 Daniels Hole Road, Wainscott. With the help of Best Friends Animal Society, the nationally acclaimed Animal Sanctuary in Utah and the inspiration for the National Geographic program *Dogtown* these dogs were able to reach the staging facility at The Monmouth County SPCA for the rescue pickup.

Last year, ARF participated in the rescue of 525 dogs from Puppy Mills and hopes to exceed that number in 2010.

As soon as the Puppy Mill breeder dogs are medically cleared, they will be put up for adoption.

All media is invited to the Adoption Center later today to meet their arrival.

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