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Houston SPCA Awarded Custody of 26 Emaciated Animals Rescued from Horrific Living Conditions in South Houston

*Pets Were Restrained With Ropes and Chains around the Property and
Inside a 5x5 Filthy Shed*

Hi-Res Images and B-roll

(HOUSTON) January 23, 2023 – Houston SPCA Animal Cruelty Investigations team and Harris County Constable Precinct 1 conducted an emergency rescue on January 5 for **11 emaciated dogs, seven cats and eight puppies** all living in horrific conditions in various parts of the property including some that were tied to wire kennels located inside a filthy 5 x 5 storage shed filled with feces and urine, stacks of garbage and live roaches on a property near Alameda Genoa and Fuqua in South Houston.



Officials at the scene said in addition to the animals suffering from no food or water, some were urine-soaked, tethered by chains or tied to dirty wire crates and suffering from varying medical issues. Six cats and one dog were found inside the small shed; six dogs were chained to various items on the property while eight dogs were inside the garage and four dogs and one cat were in the home with deplorable living conditions. All of the animals were removed from the property and received individualized medical treatment from Houston SPCA veterinary and care staff.

Harris County Constable Precinct 1 served the owner with an exigent warrant that allowed the Houston SPCA to immediately rescue the animals and bring them into their care. The owner could face up to two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for animal cruelty. A Harris County judge in Precinct 1 awarded full custody of the animals to the Houston SPCA during a hearing several days after the rescue. The Houston SPCA's 10-member animal cruelty investigations team works very closely with local law enforcement in and around the greater Houston area to end cruelty including HPD, Harris County Constable Precinct 1 and nine other surrounding Texas counties. Report animal cruelty by calling 713.869.7722 or online at www.houstonspca.org.

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