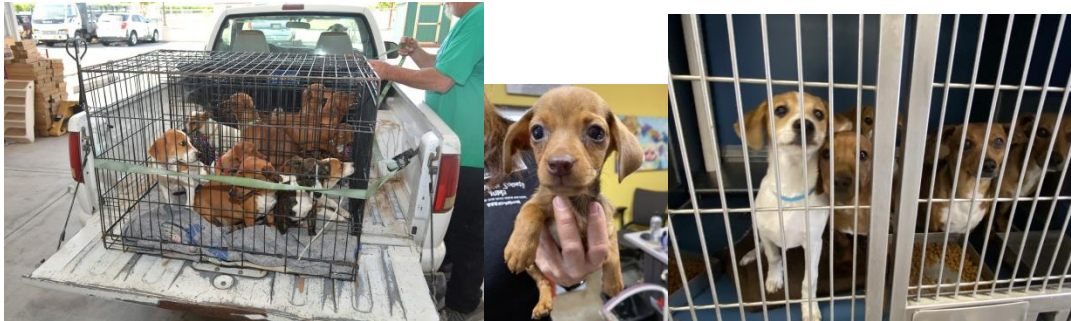


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Humane Society of Yuma receives over 18 abandoned dogs in 1 day



April 25, 2023– YUMA, ARIZONA: The Humane Society of Yuma is in the middle of a month-long prevention of cruelty to animals awareness campaign. The goals are talking to the community about how to treat animals with kindness and respect, understanding animal anti-cruelty laws and learning how to report animal cruelty cases.

On Monday, April 24th, a good Samaritan appeared at the shelter with 18 dogs left to him by his neighbor who was facing an eviction. Knowing he couldn't care for that many animals, they were all surrendered at the shelter. The dogs are all different shapes, colors and breeds but predominately appear to be dachshund and beagle mixes.

“Our ‘Go Orange for Animals’ month is designed to educate the community about looking out for innocent animals so we commend this neighbor for doing the right thing and bringing these animals to us. 18 animals in one home isn't a healthy environment and these dogs needed a voice,” stated Annette Lagunas, Executive Director. “The Humane Society of Yuma takes care of over 6,000 animals each year, but having 18 coming in all at once makes a challenging day that much more challenging!”

The Humane Society is pleading for help from the community to help raise funds and also for families to open their home to any of the shelter dogs. “One dog being adopted or fostered means one more animal we can care for, added Lagunas.” The shelter was already full so having this extra-large intake means displacing other dogs and trying to find space for them in every kennel, every office, staff member homes and foster homes. “If you've ever thought of fostering or adopting, now is the time!”

How can you help? If you would like to donate to help care for these animals as well as the other animals in the care of HSOY, you can donate at <https://www.hsoyuma.com/donate-now.html>. “The bonus for any giving is that for this month, we have matching donors as part of our “Go Orange for Animals” campaign that will match the donations. Each \$1 we raise from the community will be matched by our generous

donors, “Jack’s Pack,” including Evans Custom Concrete; Eckard Commercial Construction, Exceptional Community Hospital, Copper Mountain RV Park and other donors who wish to remain anonymous.”

Other ways to show support to all shelter animals are by purchasing a “Go Orange for Animals” wristband or “Stop Animal Cruelty” shirt at the shelter.

“We want to thank the community for the support. Their contributions will assist the over 6,000 pets at the HSOY each year and impact our ability to continue to care for injured and mistreated animals that come through our door.”

About the Humane Society of Yuma

The Humane Society of Yuma, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal welfare organization with a mission to reduce the number of homeless pets through rescue, adoption and spay/neuter programs. On average, the Humane Society of Yuma intakes 6,600 animals and operates as an open admissions shelter. All funding and operational income is utilized locally on Yuma’s homeless animal population. The Humane Society of Yuma is not funded or affiliated with the Humane Society of the United States or any other national animal welfare organizations. It is the only shelter within a 200-mile radius.

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