People driving by the pasture were alarmed at the sight of horses and goats on fenced land near Guildford, Mo. The animals were so thin that their ribs were showing. They reported their concerns to Sheriff Bryan Atkins, and the sheriff called the Humane Society of Missouri.

Working in cooperation with the Andrew County Sheriff’s Department, the Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) rescued the 37 starving animals (29 horses, six mini-horses and two goats) on November 11, 2010. The emaciated animals had no access to healthy food or fresh water. Two recently deceased horses also were found on the property, literally starved to death.

Two other horses were so severely underweight they were in immediate danger of dying. They were taken directly to an equine hospital; all the others were transported to Longmeadow Rescue Ranch near Union, Mo.

“Taking the animals out of here knowing they’ll be safe now is the greatest feeling I could have,” said Brian Williams, animal cruelty investigator, Humane Society of Missouri.

Safe Haven

Founded in 1988 and operated by the Humane Society of Missouri, Longmeadow Rescue Ranch has earned a national reputation for its excellence and dedication to abused and neglected horses and farm animals.

In the early days of the ranch, one or two rescues a year was the norm. Over the next 20 years, the number rose to 20 or 30 rescues annually. It continues to grow, in large part because the number of law enforcement officers who know about the expertise of HSMO’s Animal Cruelty Task Force and Longmeadow Rescue Ranch continues to increase. The ranch is a safe haven for up to as many as 350 animals at a time.

As was the case with the Andrew County animals, new arrivals are usually underweight and sometimes injured. Often the animals are wary of people, for obvious reasons.

“This is the first time that most animals have been around caring humans,” noted Amanda Mullen, ranch director. “It’s our job to build trust so they can be adopted.”

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Missouri Votes “Yes” to End Puppy Mill Cruelty; Legislators Poised to Ignore the People’s Will

Last November dogs in Missouri’s substandard puppy mills achieved a great victory.

The hard work, dedication and “Yes to Prop B” votes of many HSMO donors and supporters gave dogs used for commercial breeding a real chance for a decent life.

Now, before this law even takes effect, some Missouri legislators want to repeal it. They say voters didn’t understand the act’s provisions or were duped. This is an insult to voters who clearly understood the need for improved standards of care for dogs used for profit-making purposes. For years, the legislature would not deal with this problem. Now, when the majority of Missourians have dealt directly with this issue, some legislators want to defy the will of the people.

• have room to stretch and move more freely in their cages and exercise outside instead of living their entire lives in a space just 6” larger than their bodies.

• receive annual, hands-on veterinary exams and prompt treatment for injuries and disease instead of a cursory, facility “look-see” with no individual exams.

• Be able to stand on a solid surface instead of a wire-bottom cage which causes injury to paws and legs.

If the PMCPA is repealed, tens of thousands of dogs will continue to suffer. We cannot allow this to happen. We must act now to ensure a good future for the dogs from which people profit.

We won a victory for puppy mill dogs last year. With your assistance, we can ensure the suffering will end for breeding animals in desperate need of help.

When the Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act (PMCPA) becomes law late this year, dogs in commercial breeding facilities will:

What You Can Do to Prevent the Continuing Cruelty

✓ Sign up for our legislative email alerts at www.hsmo.org/advocacy.

✓ Encourage everyone you know who wants to end suffering for innocent animals to take action now.

✓ Contact your legislators in person, by phone, by email and U.S. mail. You can find your legislators at www.hsmo.org/advocacy.

✓ Donate to our Animal Cruelty Fund to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome puppy mill survivors at www.hsmo.org/helpanimals.
Preparing Horses for Adoption

Once an abused or neglected horse has reached a healthy weight and received calming TLC from the staff, it’s time for Longmeadow Rescue Ranch Trainer Scott Jaycox to work his magic. Horses are evaluated for their level of training before beginning the program. Jaycox starts literally at step one: coaxing horses to accept a friendly human touch. From there, he uses the five training levels of the Natural Horsemanship Method.

Depending on past training and temperament, horses require several months to a year to complete all five levels. After adoption, owners can take advanced training, for an additional fee, at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch or the horse’s new home.

Rehab Can Be Lengthy and Expensive

“It takes a huge investment to rehab horses,” explained Mullen. “In rescues like Andrew County, the animals require months of specialized diets, vaccinations and other veterinary procedures. Anyone who raises large animals can attest to the substantial cost of taking proper care of them.”

“We do these things for the animals because they can’t speak for themselves,” she added.

Carmen Skelly, statewide investigator for the Humane Society of Missouri had this to say on site at the November rescue: “It’s a privilege and honor to pull these horses out of danger, take them to Longmeadow Rescue Ranch and know they are going to be well cared for. Last night was their last bad night.”

Sheriff Decries Animal Neglect and Abuse

Andrew County Sheriff Bryan Atkins watched approvingly while rescuers from the Humane Society of Missouri loaded starving horses and goats for transport to Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. Atkins sought help from our Animal Cruelty Task Force after personally seeing the emaciated animals knee-deep in mud in a barren pasture.

The sheriff, who raises livestock, was so appalled at the animals’ condition that he delivered two large bales of his own hay. Atkins also brought an independent veterinarian to the property who determined the animals could not survive the winter without intervention.

Atkins sharply criticized the absentee owners for neglecting their animals to the point of starvation.

“I am letting people know that if you’re going to own large animals or a large number of animals, you need to afford to take care of them, to spend time with them, to feed them and properly care for them,” he said. “If not, we may be doing this again.”

Welcome to the Ranch

Visit Longmeadow Rescue Ranch any Friday from noon to 3 p.m. or Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., year-round except major holidays.

Delight in the small wonders of miniature horses, donkeys, goats and a cow fittingly named Mini Moo. Scratch thousand-pound pig Snortin’ Nortin. (He loves it.) Say hello to Mama Llama, Binks the Goose, Twister the Miracle Colt and all the Barn Buddies.

Nestled among 165-acres of woodland 10 miles outside Union, Mo., Longmeadow Rescue Ranch is a pleasant day trip from St. Louis and most of central Missouri. Bring a picnic to enjoy with family and friends under Poppy’s Shelter.

For information on tours or a map and directions, visit www.longmeadowrescueranch.org. To become a Barn Buddy, visit our website or call 314-981-1842.
Bring dogs inside. Don’t leave them outside in the cold for long periods of time or they can develop frostbite on ears, tails and feet. If you run with your dog, be attentive to cold paws and leave Fido at home when it is too cold.

Always keep cats inside. “Outside” cats are often the victims of cars, dogs, other predators and inhumane people.

Provide adequate shelter. If your dog lives outdoors, you must provide a well-insulated and draft-free doghouse. (It’s the law.)

Provide plenty of food and water. It takes more energy in the winter to keep body temperature regulated, so your pet needs additional calories if he or she spends a lot of time outdoors. Check and refill outside bowls often. Snow is not a substitute for water.

Beware of anti-freeze and rock salt. Anti-freeze smells and tastes good to your pet, but is lethal. If you suspect your pet has ingested it, contact your veterinarian immediately! Rock salt can irritate footpads. Be sure to rinse and dry your pet’s feet after being outside.

Dry off wet pets. Towel or blow-dry pets when they get wet from rain or snow. Dry and clean paws to prevent tiny cuts and cracked pads.

Bundle up. Short- or coarse-haired dogs might get too cold; consider a sweater or a coat.

Groom regularly. Well-groomed coats keep animals properly insulated. Long-haired dogs should have their paw hair clipped to ease snow removal and cleaning their feet.

For more information on how to care for your pets during the winter months, visit the Humane Society of Missouri website www.hsmo.org.

Meet a Volunteer Who Can’t Decide

If you are looking for a Jill of All Trades, look no further than long-time volunteer Fran Beezley. Since 1988, she has been involved with volunteer duties ranging from the Veterinary Clinic to Pet Pal dog walker to foster parent and the Greater St. Louis Training Club. It’s hard for her to pick what her favorite part of volunteering is!

Fran first became involved with the Humane Society after her husband passed away. She was looking for something to occupy her on weekends and thought that helping dogs, which she’s always loved, would be a good fit. She was certainly right.

Angel, Fran’s fur child, graciously shares her home with lots of foster pets and frequently accompanies her to the Humane Society. Having been a volunteer for 22 years, Fran has seen the foster and Pet Pal programs grow tremendously. “Sometimes we all get tired and upset but we remember how much good we do. It all comes from a deep love of the animals.”

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A device the size of a grain of rice reunited Rocket with his family 18 months after the feline went missing.

“The cat was brought to us by a good Samaritan who found it near her home,” said Tammi Britton, shelter manager at the Chesterfield Valley Center. “We scanned him and were happy to find a microchip.”

Using the unique serial number on the tiny device, the shelter staff easily located the Jacun family (Heather and David and sons Sam, Dave and Noah).

The owners wanted to be happy but instead were dubious. After all, their nine-year-old pet had been lost for a year and a half, just after their move to Ballwin from University City.

“We couldn’t believe it at first,” said Heather Jacun. “We asked them to check again because Rocket is missing half his tail. They did, and it was our boy.” The Jacuns joyfully picked up their old friend the day after Thanksgiving.

“He knew us right away, and our Boxer Tessa definitely remembered Rocket. She immediately cleaned his whole face,” laughed Heather Jacun.

“We were so happy to find the cat’s family,” said Britton. “He is our ‘poster boy’ for the microchip system.”

Call the Veterinary Medical Center at 314-951-1534 for an appointment to have your pet microchipped.

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After digital radiographs (x-rays), Shelby was diagnosed with hip dysplasia and an arthritic knee. A crucial knee ligament was so damaged it had to be replaced to stabilize her knee and hip.

“Hip dysplasia is primarily found in large, strong breeds such as German Shepherds, Rottweilers, Labradors and Golden Retrievers,” explained Dr. Travis Arndt, who performed the surgery at the Chesterfield Valley Center. “In some dogs, it is an inbred trait. In others it begins after a knee ligament is torn when the dog twists a hind leg.”

During the surgery, Dr. Arndt removed the damaged ligament and repaired the knee by placing two strands of heavy monofilament suture through the tibia (the bone between the knee and ankle) and then around the lateral fabella (the small bone behind the knee). The “false ligament” around the outside of the knee joint restored stability and ended her pain and limping.

Shelby returned 10 days after surgery and was fully weight-bearing on her repaired leg.

The Pughs expected the highest degree of professional care from Dr. Arndt and were not disappointed. What they didn’t expect was his degree of personal interaction. “Before the surgery, Dr. Arndt showed us the x-rays and went over them with us,” praised Lisa Pugh. “Right after the surgery, he personally phoned us and gave us the complete run-down. When we went back for the stitches to be removed, he was also there.”

The Pughs bring all three Boxers to the Humane Society. “Everyone from the front desk to the vet techs is professional,” she said. “And I can tell they all have pets. We like knowing we are helping other animals when we take our dogs there.”

Skilled Surgeon Constructs New Ligament for Boxer

Lisa and Jeff Pugh noticed their Boxer Shelby limping on the stairs. It was surprising because the pet they’d raised from a puppy was barely three years old. Since they were already bringing Shelby to the Humane Society for veterinary care, they made an appointment.

Jeff and Lisa Pugh, their son Steve (far left) and daughter Lori (right), raised Shelby from a puppy. When they decided their “only dog” needed a playmate, they found brindle Boxer Nova at the Westport Area Adoption Center. Beau came from owners who realized that with long commutes and two young children they were not giving him the care he deserved.
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