

Tails

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PROVIDING SECOND CHANCES TO ANIMALS SINCE 1870



Jessica Crampton with Soshe, rescued after a week floating on a couch in her flooded home.

HSMO Disaster Response Team

Disaster Response Team Braves Floods to Rescue Animals after Hurricane Florence

Inescapable, murky, contaminated flood waters and hot, humid weather made for arduous conditions for the nine-member HSMO Disaster Response Team rescuing animals in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence.



Patience Scanlon and Mike Little bring puppies to safety.

For 10 days in September, the team, deployed to Pender County in southeast North Carolina with national rescue partner Code 3 Associates, Inc., answered pleas from owners to rescue pets in flooded homes. They also rescued animals discovered by checking homes and looking for signs of life. "Often it was difficult to find the exact location," said Greg Martin, director of HSMO's Animal Cruelty Task Force. "Street signs were underwater and homes were submerged to their roofs so addresses were covered. The water level varied and was so dirty we had to take care not to hit hidden debris, trees, signs or buildings."

Team members with swift-water training donned full-body dry suits to protect them as they waded and swam in the flood waters to rescue animals in distress. They were able to help numerous dogs, cats, chickens, goats and horses. During one particularly incredible rescue, Animal Cruelty Investigators Jessica Crampton and Chad Gard swam to a home, kicked open the door and found a white Maltese dog floating near the ceiling on a couch. The team had been to the residence twice before but the water was up to the roof,


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Team Members: (left to right) Chad Gard, Patience Scanlon, Jessica Crampton, Julia Kelley, Debbie Hill, Mike Little, Samantha Hubbs, Kathleen McDaniel and Greg Martin

too high to enter the house. Incredibly, the dog named Soshe survived several days until the water receded enough for the HSMO team to rescue her.

“Our swift-water training and rescue capabilities are vitally important to animals left behind for whatever reason,” said Martin. “After days surviving in polluted water with no food, many more beloved animals would have died without the animal rescue teams there to help them.”

HSMO team members also transported animals from temporary shelters threatened by flooding to more secure locations and assisted Coast Guard helicopter crews in unloading pets and people stranded by high water.

“I am extremely proud of our team,” noted Martin. “They faced every challenge head on, professionally and skillfully. The work was exhausting but very rewarding. Individually and as an organization, we are committed and determined to help pets and their people who have lost everything in disasters like this.”

To view additional photos and video of the HSMO team in action visit hsmo.org/Florence.

If you would like to help HSMO's Disaster Response Team be prepared to help animals in the next disaster, visit hsmo.org/Florence.



HSMO's Disaster Response Team caravan leaving for North Carolina.

Responding to a disaster means the HSMO team has to be self-sufficient and prepared for all circumstances. In addition to professionally trained members, the team was equipped with:

- 2 animal transport trailers
- 1 animal transport vehicle
- 2 boats
- 1 horse trailer
- 7 trucks
- A personnel support vehicle for housing the team
- Generators and water rescue gear
- Food, water and other supplies to support the team for 10-14 days

Your Donations at Work

Atrociously Neglected Horses Find Safe Haven at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

Twelve horses on a so-called farm in Morgan County kept escaping, only to be rounded up and returned to their uncaring owner. Who can blame them? They were really hungry. The hay in their enclosure was so poor it lacked enough nutrition to live on. There was no other food.

When the Humane Society Animal Cruelty Task Force arrived on August 16, five of the 12 were as thin as horses can be and still be alive. "We weren't sure they would live even one more day," explained Amanda Mullen, director of Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. "Allowing animals to slowly starve to death is the very definition of cruelty."

Mercifully, all the horses survived. Griffin and Quincy were at the greatest risk. Both have heart murmurs and Quincy suffers from muscle atrophy. Both conditions are the result of poor nutrition. All 12 horses began a feeding schedule to gain weight in a healthy manner over five to six months.

These gentle and trusting steeds had other serious health issues as well – all due to cold-hearted, callous inhumane neglect. They had ulcers on their gums caused from chewing with sharp and painful teeth. They've had their teeth filed and are relieved of that discomfort. Hooves were overgrown and chipped. Some had hoof infections, while others had shoes which the hooves had overgrown.

Topping off the list of callous neglect, they all had lesions on the skin, engorged ticks, skin infections with sores, hair loss and rain rot of their coats. Griffin had draining sores inside his ears, likely from flies.

A few of them are off-the-track Thoroughbreds. Some are reported to be registered Quarter Horses, ranging from two-year olds to 20-plus. They are gentle and trusting and most appear to have been trained for riding. "When they are fit, we will begin riding them and decide what groundwork or other training they need," said Mullen, "then they will be ready to go to loving homes."

After HSMO's Animal Cruelty Task Force provided documentation of the horses' conditions to law enforcement,



After two months of careful rehabilitation, Griffin and Quincy still show the signs of their previous neglect.

charges were filed against the owner. The defendant pled guilty and will be monitored for at least a year to prevent future mistreatment of animals.

To support the rehabilitation of horses and farm animals at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch, visit www.longmeadowrescueranch.org or call 314-951-1542.

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Spring Fling at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

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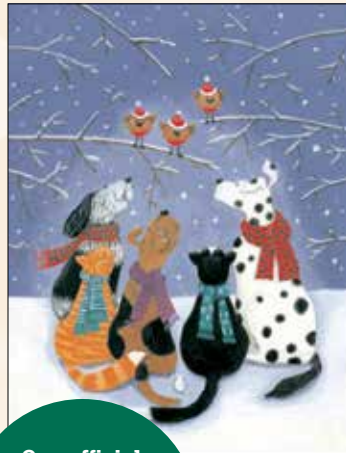
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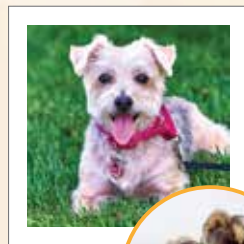


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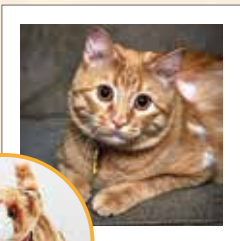
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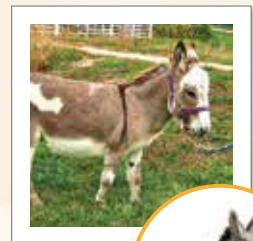
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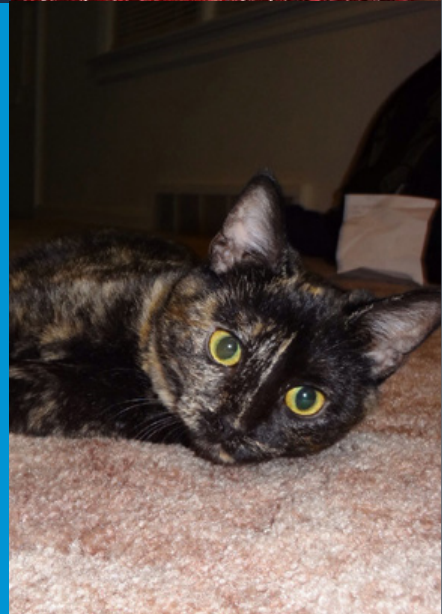
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If so, your pet has you trained! Unfortunately, it may not be in his or her best interest. **An estimated 56% of dogs and 60% of cats are overweight or obese.** That is over half of all pets!

Extra weight is not just a cosmetic concern. As little as two pounds of extra weight on a 10-pound dog or cat causes them to carry 20% more weight on their joints. Over time, extra stress on the joints can cause osteoarthritis. Other negative effects of excess weight include:

- Chronic inflammation
- Skin disorders
- Certain types of cancers
- Diabetes
- Orthopedic issues
- Decreased kidney function
- Respiratory disorders
- Heart disease and high blood pressure
- Reduced life expectancy

If you are concerned your pet is overweight or seems to be gaining weight, talk to your veterinarian before making any changes in diet or activity level. It is important to determine the best type of food, if your pet is healthy enough for exercise, and the type of exercise that will best suit your pet. Your veterinarian may also recommend blood work to rule out underlying medical conditions that can lead to weight gain such as diabetes or thyroid function.

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