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Saving Grace Assists Douglas County Sheriff's Office with Animal Hoarding Situations

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At the request of Douglas County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Deputy, Saving Grace staff recently assisted with a hoarding situation in northern Douglas County. Two dogs and more than ten cats were found abandoned in a motel room. It is unclear how long they had been in the room. Douglas County Sheriff's Office is investigating the case.

One dog who was severely malnourished was transported to Saving Grace for evaluation and treatment. A second dog on the property was deceased. More than ten cats who had been confined to the room for an unknown amount of time were released by motel staff in order to clean the room. Saving Grace staff managed to capture four of the cats, and will return to the site with Animal Control to attempt to capture the additional cats. The four cats have been adopted already, and the surviving dog, whose name is Wonder, is receiving lots of TLC in a Saving Grace foster home.

Just two weeks ago, Saving Grace worked with Animal Control to remove 16 cats from a home where they were being housed in small kennels. Some of these cats were transported to Portland for adoption with a partner agency, and some are currently available for adoption at Saving Grace.

"If you suspect animal abuse or neglect in Douglas County, or if you are overwhelmed with caring for animals that you own, please call Animal Control at (541) 440- 4471. Help is available and Saving Grace will work with Animal Control to provide care and find loving homes for animals in need", says Megan Gram, Executive Director of Saving Grace. "We know it can be difficult to admit when you need help, but please reach out before your situation gets as bad as this one and don't hesitate to request a welfare check."

Saving Grace is a private, non-profit, open-admission animal shelter and adoption center who provides a safety net for homeless, abandoned and neglected animals in Douglas County, Oregon. We also provide affordable public spay/neuter services and a free mobile pet food bank. Learn more, sign up to volunteer and see all our adoptable animals at savinggracepetadoptioncenter.org. All donations are tax deductible.

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