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The Humane Society of North Texas Removes Over 200 Pets from a Disgusting Hoarding Situation in Hill County

October 18th, 2021, Fort Worth, Texas: The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) assisted Hill County law officials in the removal of 221 live animals from a dilapidated property on October 8th, 2021. HSNT's Cruelty Investigation team transported 84 rabbits, 50 chickens, 22 gerbils, 21 ducks, 20 guinea hens, 9 geese, 8 guinea pigs, 4 turkeys, 2 cats, and 1 hamster to its facilities in Joshua and Fort Worth. Another 11 recently deceased rabbits were removed and piles of decomposing deceased rabbits were also found on the homestead.

The state of the residence was deplorable with feces-coated floors, garbage everywhere, and other forms of debris piled inside the residence and in the yard. Outside, small pools of water were found with dark green, grossly discolored stagnant water contaminated with fecal matter. Inside a barn on the property, multiple metal cages without flooring were hanging from the ceiling by rope, housing rabbits—both alive and deceased. The smell was debilitating and nauseating, permeating the air before entering the areas where pets were enclosed.

"It's disturbing to say the least, when the Humane Society of North Texas is called out by law officials to remove innocent pets from such unworthy living conditions," said Cassie Davidson, Director of Communications for the Humane Society of North Texas. "We know these pets will receive the best care now that they are safe from their inhumane environment. Together, we can be the change these animals so desperately deserve."

HSNT's immediate need is for [funding to provide care](#) for the hundreds of pets surrendered in this case. The fowl have been medically evaluated by HSNT's veterinarian and treated for their ailments at HSNT's equine ranch and will be available for adoption as their health meets the requirements for adoption. The small animals are being medically treated at HSNT's main facility in Fort Worth. Rabbits will be altered; all pets will be evaluated and socialized by staff and volunteers. These pets will be available for adoption in the future at one of HSNT's adoption centers. Visit HSNT's [website](#) to view currently available small pets.

About the Humane Society of North Texas

Since 1905, the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) has worked to eliminate animal cruelty, promote humane values and end animal homelessness in North Texas. As an independent nonprofit organization, HSNT relies on the generosity of the public to help ensure there is a safe place for abused, injured, and homeless animals in the community. To make a lifesaving donation, please visit hsnt.org/donate or [Facebook](#). To learn more about HSNT, visit hsnt.org, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [TikTok](#).

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