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Dog Tales wants to give many abused dogs a second chance

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King's animal sanctuary is hoping the SPCA?will turn over more than two dozen abused dogs, so they can be given a second chance.

Last October 2015, 31 dogs were seized from a dog-fighting operation in Tilbury, Ontario. The dogs were taken to the Newmarket branch of the Ontario SPCA.

In November, Dog Tales Rescue and Sanctuary reached out to the Ontario SPCA, offering to take in all 31 dogs. The Ontario SPCA responded that the dogs would remain in their care while the case is under investigation.

In December, three of the 31 dogs were euthanized for medical reasons.

This past February, a request was filed on behalf of the SPCA to have 21 of the dogs euthanized. The hearing date to euthanize the dogs is set for March 10.

Dog Tales once again reached out to the OSPCA, offering to take in all 21 dogs set to be euthanized. According to media representative at Dog Tales, Clare Forndran, Dog Tales will provide veterinary care, lodging, high-quality food, and expert rehabilitation at no cost to the OSPCA. Once the dogs have been rehabilitated, Dog Tales will actively seek homes for the dogs in provinces not affected by breed specific legislation. Dog Tales will cover all transportation costs involved in this process. Dog Tales is willing to allow the Ontario SPCA to send officers to check on the dogs daily to ensure they are being properly cared for. Dog Tales will allow the Ontario SPCA to have final say in the approval of any potential adoptions.

Dog Tales posted an open letter to the Ontario SPCA, making the offer to help public knowledge. In a matter of hours, the post was shared thousands of times, and, to date, has been viewed by close to 200,000 people (https://www.facebook.com/Dogtalesrescue/posts/891742730983352).

Dog Tales is unable to house breeds banned under Ontario's Breed Specific Legislation, and is calling on the provincial government, specifically Yasir Naqvi from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (which oversees the OPSCA), to grant permission to temporarily house these dogs.

?These dogs have endured unspeakable horrors at the hands of their abusers. Thanks to the work of the OSPCA they now have the opportunity to receive a second chance at life. Dog Tales wants to ensure that they are given this chance, and that they are able to experience the love that they have never known. Any behavioural issues currently present are a direct result of the abuse that they have suffered, and are in no way a reflection of their breed or nature.

?Dog Tales has worked with the OSPCA in the past, and has taken in dogs deemed ?unadoptable.' These dogs have been successfully rehabilitated, and have moved on to wonderful, loving homes, where they live happily without incident. Dog Tales wishes to work with the OSPCA, as partners, to achieve the same for these dogs.?