

PRESS RELEASE

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FIVE DOGS SEIZED BY RISPCA NOW ON ROAD TO ADOPTION

[Riverside, Rhode Island, September 28, 2021] — On June 7th, 2021, the RISPCA along with East Greenwich Police and North Kingstown Animal Control, in response to a complaint received from utility workers, responded to a residence at 50 Downing Street in East Greenwich. They observed dirty crates and food bowls outside, empty water bowls, and a barking dog tied up outside. The ambient temperature outside at the time was eighty-six (86) degrees and temperatures of one hundred six (106) degrees were noted on surfaces in direct sunlight. All too familiar a scene, more barking could be heard coming from inside the house. As each dog was brought out, it was immediately apparent that they were underweight, weary of human touch, and very confused. That day, five young dogs were loaded up into vans and brought to the RISPCA, where they received vaccines, treats, and reassurance of a better life.

On August 30, 2021, Eugene McQuade appeared in 3rd Division District Court and entered a plea in response to six (6) counts of violations of Rhode Island General Law 4-1-2, overwork, mistreatment or failure to feed animals and eight (8) counts violation of Rhode Island General Law 4-13-42, care of dogs. McQuade agreed to a one (1) year filing of the charges on the condition that he not be in the care, custody or control for any animals for a period of one (1) year and that ownership of the seized dogs be transferred to the Rhode Island SPCA. At that moment, a page was turned, and a new chapter began for the seized animals.

As of the date of this release, one of the seized canines, a young male German shepherd, has been placed and the other four, all small, young male pit bulls are now in training for socialization, obedience, and basic life skills in order to get them on the road to adoption. The Rhode Island SPCA will be working with Handsome Dan's Rescue, which has graciously agreed to work with these boys, providing in-shelter and class opportunities for them so they will be as prepared for success as possible once they are released for adoption. Potential adopters are encouraged to contact the Rhode Island SPCA and, when selected, will be included in the training process.

The RISPCA would like to thank the East Greenwich Police Department, North Kingstown Animal Control, and Handsome Dan's Rescue for their continued efforts and diligence in the fight against animal cruelty and neglect.

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About the Rhode Island SPCA: Founded in 1870, the Rhode Island SPCA is the oldest humane animal welfare organization in the state of Rhode Island and is also the third oldest in the United States. As a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, it does not receive any local or federal funding and relies on donations from individuals, businesses, and foundations to provide its critical community programs and services.