

 MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Sheriff's Office Investigating Incident at Montgomery County Animal Shelter

On August 17, 2018, an out-of-state animal rescue group contacted the Montgomery County Animal Shelter to assist with an owner-surrender situation in the 18000 Block of Quail Run Circle in Conroe, Texas. The owner, a 65 year old white female, could no longer efficiently care for the animals and initiated original contact with the rescue group.

On August 17 2018, multiple shelter workers, including the shelter Director, Aaron Johnson, and Animal Control officers went to the residence above to assess the situation. During their investigation, 84 living animals (60 cats and 24 dogs) were discovered at the residence. Two deceased animals were also found on location. While at the residence, the owner of the animals signed a voluntary surrender order for the animals on her property. At the residence, six healthy, living dogs were taken from the location as they were deemed "friendly" by shelter staff and were subsequently adopted out by citizens.

On August 20, 2018, at about 9:00 am, Director Aaron Johnson along with Montgomery County Animal Control Officers returned to the residence, at which time the remaining animals were seized and transported to the Montgomery County Animal Shelter. Once the animals arrived at the shelter they were euthanized by Montgomery County Animal Shelter Staff.

On August 20, 2018, Doctor Jordan Gentry was made aware that animals were being euthanized outside established procedures and immediately spoke with Director Aaron Johnson.

On August 24, 2018, Doctor Jordan Gentry reported the incident of animals being euthanized to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, at which time an investigation was initiated. Detectives are investigating the circumstances that led to animals being euthanized.

Prior to August 24, 2018, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office was not contacted regarding the condition of the animals at the residence or the incident at the Montgomery County Animal Shelter.

This remains an active investigation.

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