



BROUGHER COMPANION ANIMAL SHELTER
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Dear Federated members,

The Federated Humane Societies of PA and the PVMA have partnered to form the Safe Harbor Program. This program was founded in an effort to relieve commercial kennel owners of unwanted dogs. Whether the kennel is closing, downsizing or simply has possession of dogs they no longer want, the Safe Harbor Program will offer a viable alternative for kennel owners, free of any prosecution. We are all aware of recent cases where unwanted dogs from commercial kennels were disposed of in an inhumane manner or simply left to starve to death. These are exactly the circumstances that this partnership hopes to avoid with the implementation of the Safe Harbor Program.

If a State Dog Warden learns of a situation where a kennel owner is willing to relinquish dogs due to the aforementioned circumstances, the Warden will contact me at the York County SPCA as I am coordinator of this program. I will subsequently contact Federated Humane Society members who have an interest in housing these dogs. Please keep in mind these dogs will be entirely surrendered by the kennel owner and will become property of the receiving organization. Once surrendered, the PVMA will furnish veterinarians to examine and treat the dogs. The PVMA will also provide medical supplies when possible, otherwise, the shelter may be asked to assist with needed items. The shelter is free to evaluate and process any Safe Harbor dog as they would any other incoming animal.

The purpose of this letter is to gather names of organizations that have an interest in assisting with Safe Harbor dogs. Our goal is to prepare for the program by compiling a list of statewide shelters to receive dogs once they are relinquished. If you would like to participate in the Safe Harbor Program or have any questions regarding the process, please contact me at either msmith@ycspca.org or (717) 764-6109 ext 126.

Thank you,

Melissa Smith
Executive Director