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THE RHODE ISLAND SPCA REMOVES GOATS AND SHETLAND PONY FROM UNSANITARY AND HAZARDOUS LIVING CONDITIONS AND ARE NOW LOOKING FOR NEW HOMES FOR THE ANIMALS

[Riverside, Rhode Island, April 4, 2020] — On April 1, 2020, the Rhode Island SPCA conducted an investigation at an undisclosed location in the town of Portsmouth, with the assistance of the State Veterinarian and the Portsmouth Police Department. The complaint was related to a number of livestock animals that were lacking adequate living conditions and in poor physical condition. Upon investigation it was confirmed there were animals lacking adequate food and shelter and the living conditions were found to be unsanitary and hazardous.

Between the dates of April 1-2, the Rhode Island SPCA removed five (5) adult goats, two (2) 1-week old kids and one Shetland Pony from the undisclosed location and transported them to a safe location. The animals were voluntarily relinquished by the owner and are currently under the care of the Rhode Island SPCA. All of the animals are currently available for adoption and if you are interested, please contact the Rhode Island SPCA at adoption@rispca.com.

“While our doors are physically closed to the general public, we have continued to provide a number of critical programs and services for the pets and people in Rhode Island.” said Rhode Island SPCA President, Joe Warzycha.

Even during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, our Law Enforcement Division is still operating in the field responding daily to complaints of animal cruelty and neglect. We will continue to adapt to these ever changing times, and it is now, more than ever, that we need the support of our community.

The Rhode Island SPCA has launched a #SpringForward Virtual Fundraiser with the goal of raising \$10,000 in the month of April to support these vital programs and services. Donations are being accepted through the Rhode Island SPCA Facebook #SpringForward Virtual Fundraiser at <https://www.facebook.com/donate/3136088846441512/> or www.rispca.com.

About the Rhode Island SPCA: Founded in 1870, the Rhode Island SPCA is not only the oldest humane organization in the state of Rhode Island but the third oldest in the United States. As a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, we do not receive any local, state or federal funding nor are we affiliated with any national humane organization. We rely solely on donations from individuals, businesses and foundations to support critical community programs and services.

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