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SECOND ANIMAL SEIZURE OF FIFTEEN CATS AND ONE DOG AT DOGGIE STYLES PET SPAS WHERE THERE IS AN ACTIVE ARREST WARRANT FOR THE OWNER

[Riverside, Rhode Island, June 23, 2020] — On Friday, June 19, 2020, the Rhode Island SPCA, with the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police, Rhode Island State Veterinarian, and North Smithfield Animal Control, executed a search warrant at Doggie Styles Pet Spas, located at 21 Sayles Hill Road in North Smithfield.

The search warrant was secured based on an affidavit alleging the presence of several animals in the building that had been without adequate care for several days. Upon arrival and further investigation, the Rhode Island SPCA confirmed the presence of fifteen cats and one dog. The cats were found in a communal living environment with litter boxes overflowing with feces. Due to the high ammonia content in the room, caused by the accumulation of urine, the air quality was an immediate hazard to humans and animals. The one dog at the location was found secured in a kennel with accumulated feces and urine, as well as found to be lacking access to food and water.

All animals were secured and returned to the Rhode Island SPCA, where they were immediately examined by a veterinarian and provided adequate care. None of the animals are currently available for adoption.

There is currently an active arrest warrant for the owner of the animals, identified as John Froais (3/16/65). The Rhode Island SPCA is offering a \$500 reward for any information leading to the location and subsequent arrest of Froais. For any information, contact Rhode Island Special Agent Earl Newman at the Rhode Island SPCA at 401-438-8150 ext 2.

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, it does not receive any local, state or federal funding nor is it affiliated with any national humane organization. It relies solely on donations from individuals, businesses and foundations. The Rhode Island SPCA can be contacted at 401-438-8150 or email at info@rispca.com or visit www.rispca.com.

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