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ASPCA Provides \$10,000 Grant to Polk County Sheriff's Office for Rescuing More than 90 Animals

Funds used to care for horses, goats and fowl who have now been placed for adoption

Dallas, Ore.—The Polk County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) has received a \$10,000 grant from the [ASPCA](#)[®] (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals[®]) after a large-scale rescue of animals including horses, goats and fowl last month. The funds will offset the costs of feed, veterinary care and shelter for 38 horses, 22 goats and more than 36 fowl seized from owner Monica Foster, 41, of Dallas, Ore.

"Performing an animal seizure of this size requires significant funding and resources," said Matt Stern, director of ASPCA Anti-Cruelty Group Operations. "We commend the Polk County Sheriff's Office for their dedication to investigating crimes against animals, and are proud to supply funds to assist these efforts."

On February 13, the Polk County Sheriff's Office seized more than 90 horses, goats and fowl from Foster's property in Dallas, Ore. Many of the animals were emaciated and in poor health. Horse remains were also found on the property.

Deputies from the Polk County Sheriff's Office and members of the Polk County Sheriff's Posse provided care and shelter for the animals, who have now all been placed in permanent homes with the help of All Horses Outreach (Seattle, Wash.) and Cross Creek Alpaca Rescue (Tenino, Wash.)

"This case really came together as a result of many, many people working together for the good of the animals," said Lieutenant Jeff Isham of the Polk County Sheriff's Office. "From the ASPCA providing funding, to the rescue groups finding homes for the animals, to the care of the animals by the PCSO Posse and the public stepping up to adopt the animals. Without everyone working together, this operation wouldn't have been such a success."

Foster was charged with first-degree animal neglect. She is scheduled to appear in court March 19.

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About the ASPCA[®]

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