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Animal Protection Officers Seize Over 100 Animals

La Plata County Humane Society

Durango, CO (November 17, 2017) - On November 15, 2017, the La Plata County Humane Society Animal Protection Officers assisted La Plata County Sheriff's Deputies in executing a warrant to seize approximately 110 animals on a property in La Plata County. The warrant was a result of a lengthy investigation based on animal cruelty allegations. Animals seized included dogs, a cat, pigs, goats, sheep, horses, a burro, one duck, chickens and cattle.

The seizure of these animals was successful in great part because of the participation of statewide animal welfare agencies. Those agencies include: Colorado Department of Agriculture/Bureau of Animal Protection; La Plata County Sheriff's Department; State of Colorado/State Veterinarian; Colorado Humane Society; and the Southern Ute Rangers. Additionally, out-of-state assistance was provided by Alaska Equine Rescue. The seizure encompassed the better part of a day to accomplish. LPCHS and the Animal Protection Services Department are exceptionally grateful for the assistance, expertise and experience that these animal welfare agencies brought to the investigation and seizure.

Detailed information will be very limited as the ongoing investigation continues. Further information will be forth coming when it becomes available.

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