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## **Adams County News and Information** **75 Dogs Removed From Adams County Home**

*Animal Control Officers from multiple agencies collaborate on court-ordered removal of dogs*

Working with investigators from the Colorado Department of Agriculture and several regional partners, Adams County Animal Control Officers today performed the court-ordered removal of 75 dogs from the home of Robert Attleson near Strasburg. Attleson is currently operating a pet animal facility without being properly licensed to do so through the Colorado Department of Agriculture's Pet Animal Care Facilities Act (PACFA) program.

On December 7, an Adams County District Court issued a permanent injunction and restraining order. The court ordered Attleson to harbor no more than 15 dogs. During the course of their investigation, state investigators counted 96 dogs on Attleson's property in October.

The operation to remove these dogs included PACFA investigators working collaboratively with animal control officers from Adams and Larimer Counties, Aurora, Dumb Friends League and Humane Society of Pikes Peak Region. These regional partners not only provided staff and assets during today's operation, but have also agreed to house some of these dogs in preparation for adoption from their respective facilities.

"This operation is another example of the spirit of regional cooperation between metro area shelters and state PACFA investigators," said Adams County Animal Shelter Director Stephanie Wilde. "After our standard evaluation, healthy and stable dogs will be available for adoption at each of the participating shelters."

The majority of these dogs are Irish, English and Gordon Setters. Most of the dogs appear to be in good health. In addition to the partners that assisted today, additional local shelters have stepped forward to accept dogs for potential adoption. Here is the complete list of facilities that will have dogs from this operation available for adoption: Adams County Animal Shelter, Aurora Animal Shelter, Denver Animal Shelter, Dumb Friends League, Foothills Animal Shelter, Humane Society of Boulder Valley and Larimer Humane Society.

Further details of the Dept. of Agriculture's investigation are available through their Communications Director, Christi Lightcap. She can be reached at 303.869.9005 or [Christi.lightcap@state.co.us](mailto:Christi.lightcap@state.co.us).

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