

Collaborative effort saves nearly 400 animals in Wisconsin

On May 19, United Animal Nations deployed Emergency Animal Rescue Service (EARS) volunteers to Dane County, Wisconsin to help local officials with the seizure of nearly 400 animals from a hoarding case at the Thyme and Sage Ranch. UAN was

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among four national animal protection organizations to assist agencies in Dane and Richland County with the seriously ill and neglected animals.

Most of the rescued animals were dogs, but responders also found birds, rabbits, horses and chinchillas on the property. The animals suffered from painful skin conditions, severe matting, cloudy and swollen eyes, and other maladies common in neglect cases. Documenting the animals' health took six full days due to the excessive medical issues. According to UAN Emergency Services Manager Janell Matthies, the dogs were "shivering, terrified mounds of fur" who eventually "learned to trust."

"The furtive glances became full eye contact with open mouthed smiles, tail twitches became full-bodied tail wags, and they even began to approach us for affection when we neared their cages," she reported.

"There was a dramatic difference in these animals in the short time we spent with them."

Most of the rescued animals were transferred to shelters and rescue groups across Wisconsin and many have already been adopted. The Richland County District Attorney filed animal cruelty charges against the owner of Thyme and Sage Ranch; she is awaiting trial.



EARS volunteers traveled to Wisconsin in May to help 400 neglected animals who had been living in deplorable conditions and suffered from serious medical problems.