



**Bexar County Public Information Office**  
San Antonio, Texas 78205-3036

**Press Release**  
**August 3, 2023**

**Contact:** Tom Peine  
210.335.0073/o  
210.420.8694/m

**Bexar County Recovery and Care Operation Following Animal Rescue**

Responding to a report of possible animal neglect, the Bexar County Preventative Health Department, in coordination with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office, rescued 62 animals at a property in Southwest Bexar County earlier this morning.

The dogs and livestock were discovered in various states of health, some severely malnourished and others with visible injuries. Two dogs in critical condition required immediate emergency intervention and were promptly transported to an animal care facility. The relinquished animals were transported to an off-site facility for triage following the extraction. Eight dogs were found deceased on the premises. While in triage, two female canines gave birth to an additional eight puppies increasing the total to 70 animals under Bexar County care.

The 79-year-old owner of the property voluntarily surrendered the animals and was initially assessed by the Bexar County S.M.A.R.T. team.

As a result of the significant number of animals discovered, Bexar County staff organized the transport, triage, and care of the animals in a collaborative operation. Environmental and animal care specialists are providing shelter and care for the distressed animals while they are being evaluated and treated.

Director of the Bexar County Department of Preventative Health and Environmental Services Dr. Andrea Guerrero-Guajardo said, "I am pleased that this cooperative operation resulted in the rescue of these animals, and any potential health risks due to the conditions of the property are being addressed. County staff and the S.M.A.R.T. team acted quickly to protect the health of both the animals and the owner, and we will continue to monitor the health of the animals until they are ready for adoption."

The surviving animals will be monitored under the care of Bexar County and will be available for adoption in the next few weeks. Bexar County remains committed to the protection and wellbeing of all residents, both human and animal.

###