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Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 4:15 PM

Subject: I need your help.

Hello, I'm hoping and praying you can help us.

I have approximately twenty felines rescued from various fates within our neighborhood. All of them are well-adjusted and outside of requiring spay/neuter and standard vet care (shots and the like) appear to be quite healthy. Until recently we actually had more of them in the house as I'm far too softhearted when it comes to animals. Unfortunately, as you can imagine with that many in one location eventually the system breaks down. All of them received food, water, shelter, but no vet care, and eventually I became overrun, which led to a visit from the SPCA. We made arrangements to bring in a few each week so as not to overload their system, with the understanding that if these animals met their qualifications they'd be placed for adoption.

To date, 2 dogs and 3 cats are all that have been placed for adoption. The remaining animals, some 20 in all, were apparently all killed. This even included a mother we rescued, and when she dropped a load of kittens and ended up with a prolapsed uterus we worked with our family to get her emergency surgery a week before Thanksgiving. She was sweet, she was loving, she was attentive, and she was altered, and she was among those who the Houston SPCA appears to have summarily executed.

My wife and I aren't bad people. We've made some bad choices and wound up with far too many animals, but we've made sure they always had food, clean water, and we've tried to the best of our ability to keep them clean and healthy and loved. The SPCA apparently believes that it's more humane to take these loving pets whose only apparent fault is the circumstances of their birth and kill them.

This Sunday, an additional 5 of them are expected to be taken down there, and I have no doubt that they'll face the same fate as their predecessors. We're required to keep taking animals until we have only 3 felines and a single canine remaining. We have not, however, been cited, nor is there a cataloged accounting of the animals. I have several that even under the best of circumstances would face summary judgment. One has the shakes so bad when scared that it's near epilepsy. One has a chest that didn't grow all the way like it should have, not that you'd know it watching him race around and play and wrestle. One has a hernia from birth that requires simple surgery - but if they'll put down an altered queen and one of her offspring because the offspring is under 2 pounds, refusing to let me substitute another animal the same day to save the little guy's life, then these three certainly stand no chance.

With me out of work we don't have the money to finance massive rescue efforts. I desperately need help to save these wonderful babies, and I hope you can either step in with a helping hand or direct us to someone who can.

Sincerely,