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One of 4 dozen dogs rescued from Pike County Animal Shelter in KY. (SAAP)

CINCINNATI -- Terri Baker, from SAAP, Stray Animal Adoption Program, appears regularly on Channel 9 for "Pet Pals" Saturday mornings. On January 25, she received an e-mail requesting help with animals from a shelter in Mississippi.

There were more than 400 cats and dogs living in a space meant for 60.

"We pulled together an effort to take 20 dogs," says Baker. "Penske truck rentals donated the vehicle."

But SAAP did not hear back from Mississippi.

With the situation so bad, city leaders in Clarksdale, Miss. had asked the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) for help. They set up an emergency shelter, while the Atlanta Humane Society took 100 of the animals to Georgia.

Then on January 27, Baker received a plea from the Pike County Animal Shelter. The shelter in eastern Kentucky had run out of options. They sent out the message – they are full and will be euthanizing within 48 hours – puppies, small dogs etc.

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It was a poor, rural shelter with little resources. A sign that the economy is not just affecting families, but impacting animals, too.



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Rescued Dogs Inside Penske Truck Arriving At SAAP (SAAP)

Baker decided that SAAP was going to utilize their original efforts intended for the Mississippi shelter to help them instead. They picked up the truck from Penske on Thursday and got it ready with cages.

On Friday morning a volunteer driver set out for the Pike County Animal Shelter. He returned at SAAP's veterinarian Friday night to unload the animals. There were 48 dogs rescued. All were in good condition, but only two had been spayed or neutered.

These were featured on Good Morning Tri-State this Saturday. The two dogs that have been fixed are available for immediate adoption, while the rest will be available for adoption once they've been spayed or neutered.

SAAP is seeking donations to cover vet care – including spay and neuter procedures for almost four dozen dogs – and food.



Rescued Dog From Pike County, KY
Waiting To Be Unloaded At SAAP (SAAP)

They are also looking for volunteers to help with the animals. If you would like to help SAAP with their rescue of four dozen dogs, you can call the Pet Adoption Hotline at (859) 391-1234.

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