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Humane Society rescues dozens of rabbits from deplorable living conditions.

Humane Officers from the Humane Society of Delaware County pulled 26 domestic rabbits from underneath a suburban home where they were living in their own feces.

The property owners started with two rabbits and rapidly watched them begin to “breed like rabbits.” As the situation spiraled out of control, the owners called on friends to help. Unfortunately, the rabbits continued to breed and run loose in the yard. A neighbor finally reported the situation to the humane society who responded immediately.

“Male and female rabbits were forced into a crowded makeshift holding pen under the overhang of the home” reported Wade Beane of the humane society. The Humane Society of Delaware County responds to numerous rabbit complaints and claims this is the worst they have ever seen. “The ground and food bowls were covered in feces and urine. The rabbits were suffering from the heat and had no food or water” said Beane.

The struggling economy almost made a rescue of this magnitude impossible in the county of Delaware. The humane society, who received no county funding or tax dollars, has been forced to consider no longer offering cruelty investigation services due to decreased funding. Beane reports that donation dollars are down and programs are feeling the hit. “Seeing the heartbreaking faces of these bunnies reminds us all of the importance of providing cruelty investigation services within the county of Delaware” said Beane.

Last week a donor stepped forward to help support cruelty investigations by pledging to donate \$1,000 a month. “Public support such as this is essential to be able to continue responding to cases of animal abuse. Without a cruelty department, those rabbits would have died a tragic and unnecessary death” said Humane Officer Wade Beane. Although this donation was a breath of fresh air, more funding is needed to ensure abused and neglected animals receive the care they deserve.

The Humane Society of Delaware County is requesting assistance in placing these rabbits into loving homes and helping fund animal cruelty investigations. Donations can be made by stopping into the Humane Society, calling 740/369-7387, or through the website using PayPal at www.HSDCOhio.org.

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