

Brookhaven Animal Shelter Rescues Adoptable Cats from Condemned Center Moriches Home

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Farmingville, NY - On June 3, Town of Brookhaven Public Safety officers and staff from the Brookhaven Animal Shelter were contacted by the Suffolk County Police Department and asked to respond to a home in Center Moriches that contained multiple animals. Upon arrival, they discovered 60 cats and one dog living in the residence. Town Fire Marshals, investigators from the Town's Building Department, and the Quality of Life Task Force also responded and the house was condemned due to its deteriorating condition with animal feces and urine strewn throughout. The dog was taken by the resident's daughter and the approximately thirty of the cats were brought to the Brookhaven Animal Shelter.

"I hope that residents come to the Animal Shelter and adopt these cats because they will make great pets for a loving family who can properly care for them," said Supervisor Lesko, "I commend the Town employees who responded quickly to the situation in Center Moriches. Hoarding animals creates unsafe conditions for the animals, the people living in the residence, and the community. Hopefully now we can find suitable homes for the cats we rescued."

"This home marks the third home in six months that we had to move forward and condemn because of the amount of animal excrement and unsanitary living conditions that existed inside the home," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "I encourage residents to contact my office so that we may help those people who have gotten in over their heads with respect to boarding and caring for animals. Simply said, it is not fair to the animals, people and community to have these conditions persist. As the Councilman on the scene during these actions, I compliment the professionalism of the SPCA as well as the town employees from many departments."

Councilwoman Jane Bonner said, "I am grateful that our animal shelter was able to save the cats and get them ready for adoption. These animals just want a good home and a family that they can love."

"It is a shame that these cats and kittens are orphaned through no fault of their own," said Dori Scofield, Director of the Brookhaven Animal Shelter. "It breaks my heart to see them homeless. There are already so many animals in our shelter that need homes and we are hoping residents and rescues will come down and give these desperate animals a chance for a new life."

Once the cats are medically tested, spayed/neutered, vaccinated and have their nails cut, they will be available for adoption at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter. Those interested in adopting one of the cats, or any other animal from the shelter, should call 631-286-4940. To find out more about the Brookhaven Animal Shelter, visit www.brookhaven.org/animalshelter.

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