

On April 22, 2014, the Metro Nashville Police Department confiscated 38 dogs as a result of an investigation into alleged dog fighting. The dogs will be undergoing full veterinary evaluation and will be provided with any necessary medical treatment.

Who is leading the investigation and caring for the dogs?

The Metro Nashville Police Department and the Davidson County District Attorney's office are leading the criminal investigation. Metro Animal Care and Control (MACC) is caring for the dogs.

What will happen to the dogs? Can I adopt one?

The dogs are being held at a secure offsite location owned by Metro Government and are evidence in a criminal investigation. If and when they are released by the Court, MACC will work with the Humane Society of the United States to ensure they receive professional behavior evaluations, and MACC will work with approved rescue groups for placement.

How does my rescue become a placement partner?

Our rescue partners will play very important roles in the lives of these dogs, and we look forward to moving these animals to rescue as soon as possible. Established 501(c)3 animal welfare organizations are encouraged to submit an application as soon as possible. Please contact Rebecca Morris at Rebecca.morris@nashville.gov for more information about our Certified MACC Partner Program.

Can I volunteer?

Yes! We need you more than ever! For the safety of the dogs and the public, and to maintain the integrity of the criminal case, only MACC employees will be allowed in the emergency shelter. This means that our staff will be pulling a very heavy load and we'll need extra volunteers to assist with the dogs at MACC waiting for adoption. Extra hands at MACC will mean we have more time to enrich the lives of the animals. If you are interested in volunteering at MACC please email macc.news@nashville.gov.

What donations do you need?

Please consider donating a Kuranda bed, and be the hero that gives one of these dogs the first bed he's ever had. Visit: <http://kuranda.com/donate/8085>

We also need the following supplies:

- Treats or bully sticks
- Durable toys such as Kongs
- Peanut butter for the Kongs (to keep the dogs positively occupied)
- Towels and blankets (machine-washable, no quilts)
- Cleaning supplies: paper towels, dishwasher detergent, laundry detergent

We do NOT need dog food, of any kind, thanks to the generosity of a corporate donor.

Any donations left over at the end of this operation will be used at the primary MACC facility.