

## **Humane Society of Missouri Seeks Rescue Groups to Receive Placeable Dogs Seized from Suspected Dog Fighting Operation**

**WHO/WHAT:** The Humane Society of Missouri is asking representatives from Pit Bull/Power Breed Rescue Groups from throughout the United States to work with them to secure appropriate placements for dogs rescued last week as part of the largest suspected dog fighting operation in U.S. history.

During the next several weeks a team of pet behavior experts led by the Humane Society of Missouri will evaluate each dog to determine their suitability for possible placement with qualified rescue groups or experienced individual adopters. Representatives from the ASPCA will be part of the evaluation team.

A complete veterinary and behavior report for each dog will be submitted to the U.S. District Courts which will make the final determination on the outcome for each animal.

### **RESCUE GROUP QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS:**

Rescue groups must provide copies of their adoption policies, have liability insurance and follow HSMO policies, requirements and guidelines. Additional specific requirements will be discussed with each group that expresses interest. No adoption fee will be charged to rescue groups that receive animals from this rescue.

Interested groups should call the Humane Society of Missouri at **314-802-5712** to leave contact information.

### **Interview Opportunities:**

-- Debbie Hill, vice president of Operations and incident commander of the Rescue Temporary Shelter, Humane Society of Missouri

-- Cyndi Nason, director of Adoption Centers and Rescue Group coordinator, Humane Society of Missouri