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Kent County Animal Shelter Assists Montcalm County

GRAND RAPIDS – This week, more than 50 pets were taken from a home in Montcalm County by the Montcalm County Animal Control. The seizure from the home meant a big influx of animals all at once, so the Kent County Animal Shelter (KCAS) offered assistance. Last night, three dogs **that were housed at the Montcalm shelter** were transferred to our shelter in Grand Rapids, and are available for adoption today.

“We are fortunate to be in a position to help Montcalm County Animal Control,” said Cathy Raevsky, Administrative Health Officer for the Kent County Health Department. “Several other dogs could be transferred to KCAS in the coming days.”

Here's who is available:

- "Paul" is a tan/white Smooth Coat Fox Terrier mix, about 3 years old. He's described by the KCAS supervisor as a spark plug, and super cute!
- "Rugby" is a black Lab mix, neutered male 1.5 years old. He's very energetic and seems responsive to training.
- "Coe" (apparently Swedish for 'cow') is a 2 year old white/black Siberian Husky mix, who does look like a dairy cow. She is very sweet and remarkably calm for her breed.

These dogs are available for adoption for \$50 (plus \$12 for a license) through October 31. During this special, pet lovers can also adopt cats for just \$5. These special prices cover the cost of getting the pet up-to-date on vaccinations, spay/neuter and microchipping. Special pricing for adoptions comes from the Bissell Pet Foundation grant to KCAS after the recent Bissell Blocktail Party. Check out www.icpawz.com for details, stop by the shelter at 740 Fuller NE, in Grand Rapids, or call 616.632.7300 for more information.

(Photos of the dogs are on a separate PDF)

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KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 260 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and specialized staff at the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates one main clinic and four satellite clinics located in Wyoming, Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD services, visit www.accesskent.com/health.