



Hill County Judge Awards Custody of 237 Horses and Livestock to the Humane Society of North Texas in Fort Worth

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Friday the 13th lucky for some.

Hill County officials reinforced today that they will not tolerate animal neglect or abuse in a sweeping decision by Judge Eugene Fulton. The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) was awarded custody of 237 horses, cattle and other livestock seized by officials on March 5th.



The starving animals, surrounded by numerous animal carcasses, were suffering from malnourishment and threatening medical conditions on dry pasture.

“The single water source was contaminated with bodies of dead animals. It was obvious that there was not enough feed provided for the number of animals on the property.” said Tammy Roberts, lead investigator for HSNT, “If it were not for the swift action of the Hill County Sheriff’s department, many more animals would have starved

and died horrible deaths”

Gregory W. Brinkley, the owner of the animals, is facing 25 counts of animal cruelty as well as two counts of attempted capital murder.

Believed to be the largest livestock cruelty seizure on record, HSNT has incurred costs in excess of \$30,000. Dedicated staff and volunteers have been working around the clock to care for the animals. The cost of care and feeding exceeds \$2000.00 per day.



The Humane Society of North Texas does not receive government funding nor is it financed by any national agency. The costs of helping the surviving animals means that cash donations are critically needed.

Contributions and approved adoptive and foster homes for these animals are also needed. Applications are available at: <http://www.hsnt.org/adoptions.php>

For Information on adopting or fostering call Cathy (817)313-8599

The Humane Society of North Texas acts as an advocate on behalf of all animals and to ensure their legal, moral and ethical consideration and protection; to provide for the well-being of animals who are abandoned, injured, neglected, mistreated or otherwise in need; to promote an appreciation of animals; and to instill respect for all living things.