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Animal Welfare Society takes in 73 surrendered guinea pigs

WEST KENNEBUNK, MAINE – February 19, 2015 – The Animal Welfare Society recently assisted the State of Maine’s Animal Welfare Program with a guinea pig surrender from an overwhelmed owner. AWS took in 73 guinea pigs, though the numbers are likely to grow as expectant females give birth. The guinea pigs are receiving care at the shelter, located at 46 Holland Road in West Kennebunk, and shelter staff hopes to have the animals ready for adoption in time for March’s “Adopt A Rescue Guinea Pig Month,” a nation-wide promotional campaign now in its 13th year.

According to Bobbi Adkins, Director of Shelter Operations, “Guinea pigs are personable and communicative and rarely bite. This is why they make fantastic starter pets for older children who can handle them carefully and respectfully. It would be nice if they can go to their new homes in pairs as they are social creatures and these particular guinea pigs are used to living in large groups.”

Because of the large number of guinea pigs, the shelter is asking for the public’s help and support. Financial contributions, which are tax-deductible, are needed to help offset the costs of feeding, sheltering and providing veterinary care to these small animals. The shelter is also seeking fresh greens (such as carrot tops, mustard greens and kale) as well as citrus fruits; foods essential to a guinea pig’s diet. Pellet food and supplies, such as cages, toys, water bottles and food dishes, are also needed and can be donated in person or via the shelter’s Amazon Wish List. Please visit AWS’ website for more information: www.animalwelfaresociety.org

The Animal Welfare Society is open for adoptions and visits each day, except for Wednesdays, 11:00 am – 4:30 pm.

About The Animal Welfare Society

The Animal Welfare Society, a non-profit organization, exists to provide humane shelter and care to companion animals temporarily in need of housing, to assist in disaster response and to further the cause of responsible animal adoption and ownership through education and public awareness. The society actively promotes kindness, the elimination of cruelty and neglect to all animals, and the lifelong commitment of people to their pets.

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