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**Orange County Board of Supervisors Announce Adoption  
Process for First Round of Dogs from Suspected Hoarding Case**

**TUSTIN, Calif.** (June 25, 2019) - The Orange County Board of Supervisors announced that at noon today OC Animal Care will begin accepting adoption applications for the dogs that were taken into their care from a suspected hoarding situation in the City of Orange.

On May 30, over 140 Shih Tzus were rescued from a single home and are currently being cared for at OC Animal Care. Approximately 50 of the rescued dogs have been cleared for adoption, and the remainder are expected to be released in the near future.

“It is our goal to place every dog into a loving home,” said Orange County Chairwoman Lisa Bartlett, Fifth District Supervisor. “We are incredibly proud of our team at OC Animal Care, which pulled together to provide care for these dogs on such short notice, and we’re greatly touched by the generosity and support from our community.”

Interested adopters will need to complete an online survey that explains the adoption process before being able to submit their adoption application. Anyone interested in adopting one of these dogs should visit the [OC Animal Care website](#) to access the survey, adoption application and detailed information about the adoption process. OC Animal Care staff will immediately begin reviewing applications to help match potential adopters with new furry family members.

As a result of still being well over capacity, OC Animal Care continues to waive adoption fees for all other pets currently available for adoption now through the end of Pet Fair on Saturday, June 29. The dogs involved from the hoarding case will be subject to full adoption fees.

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*OC Animal Care is the largest municipal animal shelter in Orange County. It services 14 cities and takes in over 18,000 animals each year. Last year, the Board of Supervisors approved a strategic plan outlining the progressive programs and policies that will guide OC Animal Care to achieve its vision of a safe and compassionate community for all. For more information about OC Animal Care please visit: <http://www.ocpetinfo.com>*



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