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PRESS RELEASE AUGUST 26, 2016 LDR KENNELS ANIMAL CRUELTY CASE

The Lake County Sheriff's Office and Lifesavers Animal Rescue of Lake County are currently taking possession of all of the remaining dogs at LDR Kennels. The owners of the kennel, Nadine and Larry Latzke were previously charged with felony animal cruelty subsequent to a search warrant executed by the Lake County Sheriff's Office. The dogs have been relinquished by the Latzke's pursuant to a plea agreement reached today by the Lake County Attorney's Office and the Latzke's counsel.

The plea agreement reached is a deferred prosecution agreement that will last 10 years. In addition to relinquishing the dogs, the Latzke's are precluded from owning any more than the 6 dogs that they currently keep in their home as pets, are not allowed to breed them, and must immediately spay or neuter them. If one of them dies during the term of the agreement, they are precluded from replacing the dog with another. Should the Latzke's violate this agreement, the felony case will be re-filed.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the following organizations for their assistance and advice in this very large and challenging case:

Southshore Veterinary Clinic of Polson

The Mission Valley Animal Shelter

Lifesavers Animal Rescue

Humane Society of Western Montana

Humane Society of the United States