



## Official Statement: Miranda's Rescue Investigation

Maui Humane Society is deeply concerned and saddened by the reports emerging from the ongoing investigation into Miranda's Rescue in Fortuna, California. We share the community's outrage and heartbreak regarding these allegations.

Our primary mission is to protect and save the lives of animals, and we have always operated under the belief that our transfer partners share this fundamental commitment. Immediately upon learning of the investigation, we reached out to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office to offer our full cooperation and assistance, including a comprehensive list of all dogs' names, photographs and microchips that had been transferred. Since that time, the investigation has been elevated to the Federal level and MHS continues to work with all authorities involved.

We continue to work closely with law enforcement and forensic teams to provide all requested documentation regarding the 18 dogs transferred from Maui Humane Society to Miranda's Rescue between 2024 and 2026. Our team is fully committed to transparency and will continue to support the investigation in any way necessary.

We understand that our community is seeking answers regarding the welfare of these animals. We are cooperating fully with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and Federal authorities to cross-reference our records with the animals discovered on-site. Our priority is to work directly with these agencies to safely identify any animals that originated from Maui Humane Society, as authorized by the investigators.

We will keep the public apprised of any developments as we are able.



## Miranda's Rescue Investigation Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Q: What is the nature of the investigation involving Miranda's Rescue?**

A: Maui Humane Society is currently cooperating with local and federal authorities regarding an investigation into the circumstances surrounding Miranda's Rescue. Because this is an active investigation, we cannot provide specific details at this time in order to protect the integrity of the process.

**Q: Are the animals currently safe?**

A: We share the community's deep concern regarding the status of the animals involved. The ongoing investigation is precisely to determine the well-being and safety of these animals. We are working closely with law enforcement and relevant authorities to gain clarity as quickly as possible. Ensuring the safety of these animals is our absolute priority, and we are committed to sharing verified updates as soon as information becomes available.

**Q: Why can't you share more information right now?**

A: We are committed to transparency; however, we must respect the integrity of the active investigation conducted by the authorities. We will share updates as soon as we are able to do so responsibly.

**Q: How can I help or support the organization during this time?**

A: We appreciate the continued support of our community. The best way to help is to continue supporting our ongoing mission of animal welfare. Please monitor our official website and social media channels for verified updates.

**Q: Where can I find official updates?**

A: All verified updates will be posted directly to our website [mauihumanesociety.org/mirandas](https://mauihumanesociety.org/mirandas) and our official social media channels. We encourage the community to rely on these sources rather than speculation or unverified reports.



**Q: What are the names of the dogs that were sent to Miranda's Rescue?**

A: As part of the ongoing investigation, we are working closely with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and federal authorities. They are the only ones authorized to identify the animals on-site and confirm their status. To protect the integrity of the investigation, we cannot comment on the status of specific dogs at this time.

**Q: Why were dogs transferred to this organization?**

A: Like many animal welfare organizations, we participate in transfer partnerships with other rescues and shelters to help animals find forever homes and to manage our shelter capacity. These partnerships are a standard practice in animal rescue, designed to ensure that animals have the best possible chance of adoption by broadening their reach beyond our local community. We transferred these animals with the intent of providing them with additional opportunities for placement in permanent, loving homes.

**Q. Did MHS research Miranda's before working with them?**

A: Due diligence is a core component of our partnership protocols. Miranda's Rescue came very highly recommended by a source whose opinion and standards we trusted wholeheartedly. We are committed to learning from this situation, identifying where our protocols need to be strengthened, and implementing more rigorous oversight moving forward to ensure the continued safety and well-being of the animals in our care.