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## **Mostly Mutts Animal Rescue Helps Save Hundreds of Dachshunds from Puppy Mill Horror in Tennessee**

Kennesaw, GA- Over the past 4 months, Mostly Mutts Animal Rescue has been managing the rescue, recuperation and rehabilitation of 47 Dachshunds, who were part of a multi-rescue initiative, which saved hundreds of mistreated, neglected and overbred victims from a puppy mill raid and seizure in Tennessee.

Mostly Mutts was legally required to keep the rescued Dachshunds in their care for an undetermined amount of time while awaiting a legal ruling to award custody. During that time, they incurred large costs to treat the dogs for various medical conditions. Since these dogs lived a caged life, they were emotionally shut down. They had to learn how to walk on leash, adjust to getting fed regular meals, and acclimate to human touch and affection.

“Over \$40,000 was spent to rescue and treat these Dachshunds. Our committed foster volunteers cared for many of the dogs in their homes for several months, until we were allowed to get them adopted.” During that time, the pregnant dogs rescued gave birth to 17 puppies,” said Tammy Turley, Executive Director. Four months after the initial seizure, the court ruled and legal ownership of the dogs was finally transferred to Mostly Mutts, which also meant 64 total spay/neuter surgeries (Thank You Kennesaw Mountain Vet Services!!). All of the dogs and their puppies have recently been adopted into loving homes.

Mostly Mutts Animal Rescue always relies on financial support from the public, however, help is needed more than ever, since our budget was eroded by the uncompromised care we provided to save the Dachshund victims. At the same time, we maintained our commitment to our local county shelters to rescue homeless dogs and cats from these facilities as well.

*Mostly Mutts strives to reduce the number of animals euthanized at local shelters in Metro Atlanta by working with animal control officers to save adoptable dogs that are moments away from being put to sleep. Often, these dogs are sick, injured and require rehabilitation. Mostly Mutts provides housing, health care, training, and physical and emotional care to these rescued animals until they can be placed in a new “forever home.”*

*Mostly Mutts is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, licensed by the Dept. of Agriculture and staffed by volunteers. It is privately funded through donations and adoption fees.*

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