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Seven Abandoned Puppies Rescued and Adopted Following Bridgeport Township Investigation

Saginaw County, MI — On January 6, 2026, Saginaw County Animal Care & Control (SCACC) responded to a call from Central Dispatch regarding multiple puppies that had been abandoned along the roadside near 5430 Baker Road in Bridgeport Township.

Animal Control officers were initially dispatched to the scene, where the Bridgeport Township Police Department had already responded. Shortly thereafter, officers were requested to meet at the Bridgeport Township Police Department headquarters, where the puppies had been safely secured.

Upon arrival, Animal Control met with Bridgeport Police officers, who had contained the puppies in a makeshift carrier inside a patrol vehicle to protect them from the elements. The puppies were then transferred into Animal Control’s care and transported safely to SCACC for evaluation and treatment.

As additional information developed, the case was reopened under an active police investigation. Follow-up by Animal Control Officers included returning to the area to gather further details and documentation. Through these efforts, investigators identified the possibility that additional puppies matching the same description had also been abandoned.

In total, seven puppies were ultimately recovered and brought into the care of Saginaw County Animal Care & Control.

Each puppy received medical attention, vaccinations, and daily care from staff and volunteers. Thanks to the overwhelming support of the community, all seven puppies have since been successfully adopted into loving homes.

“This case is a strong example of the importance of collaboration between our local law enforcement and animal welfare teams,” said Rachel Horton, Director of Saginaw County Animal Care & Control. “While the circumstances of their abandonment were heartbreaking, the outcome reflects the compassion of our community and our shared commitment to protecting animals.”

The Bridgeport Township Police Department is leading the investigation and will be pursuing appropriate charges related to the abandonment. Anyone with information related to this case is encouraged to contact Bridgeport Township Police.

SCACC reminds the public that abandoning animals is illegal and inhumane. Resources are available for pet owners who are struggling, including owner surrender options, access to veterinary care resources, and connections to community support programs.

For more information about Saginaw County Animal Care & Control, available resources, or adoptable animals, please contact 989-797-4500.