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**DOGS REMOVED FROM RAINIER HOME NEED NEW HOMES
OWNER OF NEGLECTED DOGS RELINQUISHES CUSTODY**

On April 2, 2009 Columbia County Animal Control removed 26 neglected dogs from a home in Rainier. Over the last week, the Shelter began cleaning up these animals and addressing any health issues. Some will need special care and attention, but most appear to be friendly and non-aggressive to people.

On April 9, 2009 the prior owner released custody of the animals to Columbia County Animal Control. This allows our shelter staff to begin the process of finding homes for these dogs. Shelter staff has began accepting adoption applications without a fee and on a first-come basis.

As the dogs have somewhat of a pack behavior, they will need homes with a fenced yard, outside shelter and understanding and knowledgeable owners, each applicant will be asked a few question to assure that they understand and have the resources to care for one of these animals. Based on this information, shelter staff will determine whether or not the dogs are a good match for the potential adopter.

Our goal is to find these animals permanent homes. It would only be harder on these already neglected animals to have to be returned to the shelter if an adopter finds them beyond their skill level.

We also have a full selection of other adoptable dogs available at the shelter. So stop by if you are considering adoption of an animal in true need of a loving home. The shelter is located in Saint Helens at 2084 Oregon Street and open Monday to Friday 11 Am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 11Am to 3 Pm.