

Good morning,

My name is Phyllis Taiano, I am the president and founder of Four Paws Sake, a New Hope Partner. I am also an ACC volunteer with its Lost and Found Program.

Seven dogs recently pulled from AC&C have died within days after being placed with animal rescuers. Those dogs quickly became seriously ill and the rescue groups placed them at emergency clinics.

By trachea wash method, the clinics confirmed the following diagnoses for those dogs that died in their care:

Canine Influenza

Canine Herpes Virus

Ecoli

Bordetella Bronchiseptica

Mycoplasma Cynos

ACC's Intake Medical records reflect that these animals showed no signs of any of these conditions. It's reasonable to assume that they contracted this whole host of deadly respiratory illnesses while AT the ACC.

To date, four rescue organizations have closed their doors due to mounting vet bills.

Since pulling our first Canine Influenza dog from the ACC nine months ago, my group has faced \$26,453 in vet bills. Unfortunately, we've had to cease rescue efforts.

ACC staff seem either indifferent or unconscious of the problem. As I learned from the ASPCA's Glendale spay/neuter clinic, the ASPCA often returns ACC animals without being operated on because they arrive sick. The Glendale clinic was unaware of the most recent outbreak.

You have a epidemic on your hands which no one is willing to acknowledge and rectify What would happen if the 200+ rescue groups could no longer assist the AC&C with placements of the less desirable animals? Passing these sick animals onto unsuspecting members of the public (via public adoptions) or on to New Hope rescues is not an acceptable solution. You must take appropriate steps to protect the animals in your care from contracting these diseases in the first place.