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## **200-PLUS FARM ANIMAL RESCUE IN PROGRESS AT SOUTHWEST MIAMI-DADE RANCH**

1/3/19 - HOMESTEAD, FL: South Florida SPCA Horse Rescue (SFSPCA), working in cooperation with Miami-Dade Police and Animal Services, is commencing the rescue of over 200 farm animals at 26700 SW 182<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in the Redland area of Southwest Miami-Dade County, FL. Police received a tip from a citizen which led to the investigation and discovery of the large array of animals in various stages of neglect.

This is the largest variety of animals SFSPCA has rescued in a single case in its 26 year history, and the largest number of animals rescued while at the nonprofit's Homestead location.

Among those being seized at the scene by SFSPCA are horses, mini horses, donkeys, cows, pigs, alpacas, sheep, goats, emus, turkeys, geese, guinea fowl, ducks and chickens. SFSPCA is taking them to their ranch in Homestead, FL for immediate care. The group had already removed 19 animals in previous days, including a llama, three alpacas, nine sheep and six goats.

SFSPCA is issuing an "S.O.S." for help. Already home to over 60 horses and animals, the additional 200 is stretching the organization's physical and financial limits. Staff and volunteers are working overtime to accommodate the new arrivals. Tax-deductible donations to help may be made at [www.helpthehorses.org](http://www.helpthehorses.org), or mailed to P.O. BOX 924088, Homestead, FL 33092.

### **ABOUT SOUTH FLORIDA SPCA HORSE RESCUE**

South Florida SPCA Horse Rescue (SFSPCA) is the last line of defense for abused and abandoned horses and livestock in Miami-Dade County, Florida. It is the only thing standing between them and starvation, death and even slaughter. The GFAS and TAA accredited 501(c)(3) nonprofit responds 24/7 to local law enforcement to investigate cruelty and abandonment cases, and to seize and care for those victims at its Homestead, Florida facility. SFSPCA also educates the community about responsible equine care and ownership, and promotes the welfare of equines through local and national advocacy. Now in its 26<sup>th</sup> year, SFSPCA is the only organization qualified to rescue, rehabilitate, retrain and rehome horses in Miami-Dade. Since 2008, Miami-Dade Animal Services Department has provided partial funding to SFSPCA for the care and rescue of abandoned and stray horses and other large farm animals. For more information, visit [helpthehorses.org](http://helpthehorses.org).

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