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**Dogs break out the champagne as dog nonprofit sets to close
May 27th on Vick's former Bad Newz Kennels**

**WILL RE-OPEN MID-JULY AS THE DDB GOOD NEWZ REHAB CENTER
FOR CHAINED AND PENNED DOGS**



Tipton, PA -- May 24, 2011 -- Dogs all over the country will be breaking out the champagne Friday as dog nonprofit Dogs Deserve Better—dedicated to ending the cruelty of chaining and penning dogs for life—closes on the property which once housed Vick's Bad Newz Kennels.

The dogs have cause to celebrate. Tamira Thayne, founder and CEO of the organization, states "Purchasing this property and in effect giving it back to the victims of the abuse that occurred here is a very powerful step for animal advocates and our country's dogs alike. We are sending a message to those who want to abuse and fight dogs that a new day is dawning in America, a day where dogs are treated with the love and respect they deserve as companions to humans. Here's to you, Dogs!"

Dogs Deserve Better, which has rescued and fostered over 3000 dogs in the ten years they've been in operation, hopes to build a facility on the property for their rescues which will house and rehabilitate 300-500 dogs a year when it is up and running.

But for now, the dogs will have to be happy with a symbolic triumph of good over evil. The group has raised the 30% down required by the bank, and will close on the loan Friday, May 27, when they will begin the transformation to the Good Newz Rehab Center for Chained and Penned Dogs. They still need to fundraise to pay the remainder, build a fence around the property to keep the dogs inside and safe, and install temporary housing for dogs while they fundraise to build the facility.

The property was sold by Michael Vick to an investor as soon as the heat came on, and has been sitting vacant ever since. The group plans to maintain a memorial for the dogs who lost their lives in the brutality that occurred at the Moonlight Road, Virginia location.



Thayne continues, "Dogs Deserve Better has worked hard for chained and penned dogs for nine years, winning numerous awards, and fostering as many as 400 dogs per year out of our homes. With a center to call our own, we hope to rescue another 500 chained or penned dogs per year and move them on to new and better lives as members of a real, inside home and family. Dog lovers and supporters of our work

will be welcome to visit us and our rescue dogs, as well as take a moment to honor the memory of those who died there.

"I ask every dog lover to donate what they can and spread the word. Ask your family, friends, celebrities, company owners, everyone you can possibly think of. Supporting this center as a major donor could only be good publicity, and Dogs Deserve Better continues to be an amazing nonprofit who will not let you down."

DDB has been a frequent award-winner, including first place in the ASPCA/Chase Pet Protector Award. The group most recently took seven spots in the 2010 American Dog Magazine Humanitarian Awards, including a first in Rescue Organization Saving Dogs and a first in Voice for Ending the Chaining of Dogs.

To see the site page dedicated to the center and 'like' the facebook page, visit the link at <http://www.dogs-deservebetter.org/ddbcenter.html>.

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