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**PAUL MERCS CONCERTS TO SUPPORT HUMANE SOCIETY  
INTERNATIONAL/CANADA**

**FUNDING NEEDED TO PROVIDE CARE AND SHELTER FOR OVER 500 DOGS SEIZED**

Vancouver, BC ~ The Humane Society International/Canada, in partnership with the Government of Quebec and local law enforcement, rescued more than 500 dogs and puppies from a large-scale commercial breeding facility in Outaouais, Quebec.

The animals were seized and removed after multiple investigations indicated dogs were not receiving proper care. By far, this was the largest commercial breeding facility, with the most inhumane conditions, that the HSI Animal Rescue Team had ever encountered in Canada. Hundreds of dogs were denied their most basic needs and proper care, and lacked adequate socialization. The seizure followed an inspection by authorities in which numerous infractions were observed in regards to the security and welfare of the animals.

The rescued dogs were promptly transported to an emergency shelter in Quebec, where they will be cared for, checked by a team of veterinarians and given any necessary veterinary care.

Paul Mercs Concerts is assisting the Humane Society International/Canada in securing funding to cover the cost of feeding, medicating, sheltering and caring for these hundreds of dogs in the weeks to come.

To make a donation that will go directly to support shelter operations, or to volunteer, please visit [www.hsicanada.ca/savedogs](http://www.hsicanada.ca/savedogs).

To express interest in adopting any of these rescued dogs, please contact [info@hsi.com](mailto:info@hsi.com).

For more information on the Humane Society International/Canada, please contact Dean Pogas at 514.395.2914 or [dpogas@hsi.org](mailto:dpogas@hsi.org).

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