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JONES TRACT FLOOD ANIMALS AWAIT TO BE CLAIMED

(Stockton, CA) — San Joaquin County Animal Control Officer Ron Cotta is seeking owners of dogs displaced due to the Jones Tract Flooding. A total of 12 animals were picked up over the course of the last 20 days or so on the levee banks of Lower Jones Road. To date, no owners have shown up to claim their dogs. However, one owner did show up to claim two pigs, each weighing between 200 to 275 lbs.

The dogs being held need their owners to show up by 5 p.m. on June 30. After that, the dogs will go through a rigorous temperament test to determine if they are adoptable. The test consists of a series of commands and human movements to determine how well the dog responds to voice and motion. If adoptable, the dogs will be placed in the adoptable shelter area and be available sometime after the first week of July.

Owners seeking their pets should go to the Stockton City/County Animal Shelter at 1575 Lincoln Street in Stockton. The shelter is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours until 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. The shelter is closed on Sunday. Owners should ask to see the "Flood Dogs," as the dogs are being held in special flood area separate pens.

Dogs being held include two German Shepherd mix puppies, a possible Newfoundland mix, and a possible Walker Hound.

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