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Comments: A family who had fallen on hard times dropped off the two dogs they had near the county dump. After all they had seen other dogs roaming the area. The cost of dog food had risen and they could no longer afford to buy it for the dogs. The family felt bad for abandoning they dogs but knew in their hearts that the dogs would be better off free.

The dogs roamed around for a while confused that the family did not return for them. Instincts kicked in and the smell of rotting food from the dump lured them in. They began to thrive on what they found in the dump. The two dogs joined a pack of other dogs in the area. The dogs produced a litter of pups.

The numbers began to swell more than the dump food could provide for.

Fights within the family/pack drove some dogs away and more pups were born.

Humans began to notice the large number of wild dogs near the dump. Dogs were getting hit by cars that passed near. Something had to be done the number of wild dogs was out of control.

Some humans set up cameras and began to take pictures of the dog pack. Cute puppies are hard to dislike. Some humans began to bring food and water to a site near the dump. More litters were born and more dogs were struck by cars.

The county got together and decided the dogs needed to go. Eradication was the best plan.

Other humans posted pictures of the puppies, who doesn't like pictures of puppies. The word spread via social media. The wild dogs of the county must be spared, after all they deserve to be free. There is more than enough food for them at the dump and other humans offered to buy additional food.

An environmentalist came forward with a study that showed that wolves once roamed the area the dogs now live in. The dogs need the protection like the wolf. More save the wild dogs social media was shared.

A judge ruled that the dogs had protection and could not be removed. The counties hands were tied by the threats of litigation. Wolf activist from all over the world became involved. Save the wild dog T shirts were on sale at local stores. Tour industries sprung up to show tourist the wild dogs of the county. Roadside stands with trinkets for sale.

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In the end the dogs were not really wild. They were just feral/strays that had been let go by a family that meant well.

Replace the word dog with horse.