

## More than 80 animals are adopted in event promoted by Samarco and partner NGOs

Great majority of the animals available for adoption have gotten new owners. In total, 74 dogs and 9 cats now have new homes.

Samarco held, this past weekend, with the support from Mariana's City Hall, from the Special Commission for Animal Protection of the Legislative Assembly of Minas Gerais, and from animal protection NGOs, a free of charge event to promote the adoption of dogs and cats rescued in the region affected by the Fundão Dam burst.

In total, 83 animals have gotten new homes, which translates as 90% of campaign effectiveness. 74 dogs and 9 cats were adopted, all of them castrated, vaccinated and wormed. However, 28 animals still remain eligible for adoption. People who could not attend the event can still adopt the animals. Those interested should get in contact by phone at (31) 3559-5425 and schedule a visit to the Animal Collection and Care Center (Highway MG-129, S/N, KM 138 - Mariana). The adoption is performed by means of a personal interview.

### Partnering ONGs

The initiative has the partnership of NGOs that participated since the beginning of the assistance given to animals. Among Samarco's partnering NGOs in the adoption event are the: Animal Protection Association of Lafaiete (ALPA) - Lafaiete (MG), Rejected and Abandoned Animals Women's Protection Association (Ampara) - São Paulo (SP), Ouro Preto Animal Protection Association (AOPA) - Ouro Preto (MG), National Animal Protection and Defense Forum (FNPDA) - São Paulo (SP), Animal Rights Defense Institute (IDDA) - Ouro Preto (MG), Protect NGO - Contagem (MG), Animal Rights Movement of Minas Gerais (MMDA) - Belo Horizonte (MG) and Animal Life - Itabirito (MG).

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