

# Abandoned chickens

In October 2008 somebody called in to tell us that there were some abandoned chickens in poor condition in the wetland area in Kioreroa Road. Rachael, Andrea, Sunel and Rachael's children went over to see if they could see them and catch them.

Nobody could believe their eyes when they arrived, there were brown chickens everywhere. There were dead ones lying on the ground, the rest were huddled together, skinny and very bedraggled looking. When they were offered food they went berserk trying to get to it, they were starving! It took some time, but they were all rounded up and brought over to the SPCA.

Suddenly we had 70 chickens to accommodate and feed. We rushed round trying to find temporary cages for them while their condition was assessed. 4 had to be euthanized as they had broken legs or were too damaged to survive. The rest would need homes quickly. We all got on the phone to friends and other people we knew that might be able to take one or two ..... or more. Thankfully when people heard their story they opened their hearts and took them home.



*Picture of the hens wandering freely in Andrea's paddock*

Unfortunately we were unable to find the people who abandoned the chickens to their fate, the penalty for abandoning animals is 6 months in jail and/or a \$25,000.00 fine. I don't know ....perhaps they thought they were doing the chickens a favour 'freeing' them as they looked to have been ex-battery hens, but they wouldn't have survived much longer left where they were. Your donations help our people help animals in need.

## REMEMBER

Your donations can be posted, direct debited via account or through internet banking.

Please contact us for any form you may require.

**EVERY CENT HELPS!!!**

## CONTACT US

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**WHANGAREI**

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24 hour emergency number

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COMPLAINTS**

Open Hours

Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm

Sat and Sun - 9am - 12.30

**Animal adoption and general enquiries** please contact our staff for viewing times and information on animals currently available or check on our website

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## Wish List

**A fridge for animal food**

A washing machine that can handle the volume of animal bedding washing (industrial)

**Tinned puppy food, we are very short of this and have a lot of mouths to feed**

