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National Guard members in wildfire response adopt rescued puppies

SANTA FE, N.M. – New Mexico National Guard members responding to the Calf Canyon/Hermits Peak fire have taken their support to another level.

The National Guard members adopted five of seven puppies rescued from the fire earlier this week.

Aaron Abeyta, an Espanola firefighter rescued seven puppies that approached him as he worked.

Española Humane staff received the puppies and provided vaccinations and microchips before making them available for adoption.

Guard personnel supporting the wildfire fight promptly adopted five of the seven dogs. Española Humane waived the adoption fees for the Guard members.

Staff Sgt. Felisha Leger, 150th Logistics Readiness Squadron, adopted Harry.

Spc. Teri Markley, 642nd Ordnance Company, adopted Codak.

Spc. Alejandro Santizo, India Company, 141st Brigade Support Battalion, adopted Woods.

The other Guard members involved are as follows.

Spc. Kirk Begay, 720th Transportation Company

Spc. Michael Stockwell, 642nd Ordnance Company

Spc. Jarryk Jaquez-Jaramillo, 642nd Ordnance Company

The actions of these Guard members represent their abiding concern for the citizens of New Mexico, including those that walk on four legs.

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