

HANOVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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68 Canines Rescued from property in Hanover County

UPDATE: On Wednesday, May 11, 2016, Stephanie M. Saunders, 33, of the 17000 block of Connie Hall Road, was arrested and charged with five counts of Cruelty to Animals, five counts of Inadequate Care of Animals, and one count of Sale of an Unweaned animal. Ms. Saunders is currently incarcerated at Pamunkey Regional Jail with a \$3500 bond.



Stephanie M. Saunders

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office, on behalf of Hanover Animal Control, would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the public for the generous donations to the Hanover County Animal Shelter. These donations will contribute to the overall care and wellbeing of the 68 dogs rescued during the course of this investigation.

Hanover, VA – On Tuesday, May 3, 2016, Hanover County Animal Control, with assistance from the Sheriff's Office, executed a search warrant in the 17000 block of Connie Hall Road. The search warrant was obtained concerning the well-being of the animals inside and outside the residence and their living conditions.

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As a result of the search warrant a total of 68 canines were rescued. It was found that these canines were living in unhealthy living conditions, both inside and outside the residence. The canines were transported to various animal shelters for safekeeping and veterinary care.

Hanover County Animal Control, in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office, is coordinating with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office to determine charges against the owners of the canines.

Anyone with further information about this incident is asked to contact the Hanover County Sheriff's Office at (804) 365-6140 or the Metro Richmond Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000. Citizens can also text Crime Stoppers at 274637 (CRIMES), using the keyword "iTip" followed by their tip. Both Crime Stoppers methods are anonymous, and can result in a reward of up to \$1,000.

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