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Charges Filed in Animals' Deaths

Suffolk, VA (May 19, 2009) Suffolk Animal Control has secured warrants against a sixty-five year old Virginia Beach man after four goats he owned died of starvation. On March 8, Suffolk Animal Control received a complaint in ref. to deceased goats located on a parcel of property in the 1400 blk. of Manning Rd. When they arrived at the location, they discovered 20-30 goats and numerous chickens on the property. Four of the goats were deceased.

The owner of the animals was contacted and the dead animals were seized. While Animal Control Officers suspected that the animals died of lack of food and proper care, the animals were sent for necropsies to determine official causes of death. Animal Control noted that there was food stored on the property.

Necropsy results were recently returned which indicated that one of the goats died of starvation. The remaining three died of a combination of starvation and internal parasitism. The animals body conditions were scored 1's on a scale of 1-5 (1-emaciated, 5-optimal). Two of the goats were noted to be half their expected body size.

Four warrants are on file for Animal Cruelty- failure to provide adequate care for Camilo B. Delfinado of the 700 blk. of Whitehurst Landing, Virginia Beach. Animal Control Officer J. Liverman is the lead investigator. The location is also being investigated by the City's Housing and Property Maintenance Official in reference to the condition of the property.