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DEERING, N.H. —

Two people have been charged in connection to a horse neglect case in Deering.

Police said that last week they found four horses in bad condition after neighbors reported they may have been locked inside a barn for more than a year.

Anthony Costine and Spring Romer surrendered themselves to police Tuesday night, just days after the disturbing discovery was made.

"It was abhorrent. It was as bad as I've ever seen in a barn, and I've lived on and around farms," Deering Police Chief James Pushee said. "And I've seen some neglect and abuse cases before, and this was pretty bad."

Costine and Romer both face multiple misdemeanor animal cruelty charges. They were released on bail and are scheduled to appear in court on July 27.

At Live and Let Live Farm, where the horses are getting food, love and medical care, their minds remain on recovery.

"I would rather focus my energy and ask other people to focus their energy on the healing of these horses," said Sharon Morey of Live and Let Live Farm.

While the horses may have been removed from a dangerous situation, volunteers say they still face an uphill battle. Some of them face multiple health issues.

"She's got double, bilateral hernias, the other side is much, much worse," Morey said of one of the horses, named Supernova. "Her leg has either been broken in the past or some sort of bone chip or some sort of trauma where her leg is actually bent."

The farm is reminding the public they can help in the horses' care. The rescue farm has raised \$8,100 for their care so far and once they hit \$10,000, an anonymous donor has promised to match it.

All of it is going toward a hope for a better future for these horses.

"I'd like to see them have a shine in their eye and be loved and they have been loved this week, they've been so loved on," Morey said.