

18 cocker spaniels seized from Durham home, owners charged with cruelty

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DURHAM — Eighteen cocker spaniels were seized from a house in Durham on Tuesday because they showed signs of neglect, police said.

Police arrested Bonnie Pike, 65, and Wilson Pike, 67, of Packers Falls Road about 11:45 a.m. They were charged with animal cruelty.

Deputy Police Chief Rene Kelley said the police conducted their investigation in cooperation with the New Hampshire Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The dogs were kept in a full-size basement in unsanitary conditions, Kelley said.

The cocker spaniels are being held at the Stratham SPCA. Bonnie and Wilson Pike were released and are scheduled to be arraigned on the misdemeanor charges April 10.