
Hampton woman charged with cruelty after dogs are seized

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HAMPTON — A Hampton woman was charged recently with animal cruelty in a case reported to police last month.

Susan Bahatouris, 63, was charged with 17 counts of animal cruelty on Friday, June 12, according to a press release from Hampton Police. She was released and is scheduled for an arraignment in Hampton District Court on Aug. 18.

On May 13, Hampton Police investigated a report of animal cruelty involving several animals that were being kept in what was described as “deplorable” conditions.

The animals were held at 3 Trafford Road and totaled 20 dogs and 1 bird.

The animals were taken into custody with the assistance of the Stratham-based New Hampshire Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which later examined and treated the animals.

After examination, it was determined that 17 of the dogs showed various levels of neglect.

Bahatouris was charged with animal cruelty for negligently depriving the animals of necessary care by leaving them without food or water in an unclean living environment.

Hampton Police Deputy Chief David Hobbs in a prepared statement thanked the NHSPCA for its partnership and cooperation.