

Monadnock Humane Society says 27 dogs removed from home due to inhumane conditions

Labrador retrievers removed, 13 adults and 14 puppies, with seven still nursing

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SWANZEY, N.H. —

A dog breeder in Swanzey is accused of animal neglect after 27 dogs were removed from "deplorable" conditions, according to the Monadnock Humane Society.

For people at the Monadnock Humane Society, it has been a commitment for over a year.

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They said state police got a warrant to search the breeder's home, discovering the dogs in a condition they described as "deplorable."

"There's only so much right with everything going on in the populations in this world, there's only so much that can actually be monitored," said Kathleen Collinsworth, executive director of Monadnock Humane Society.

There were 27 Labrador retrievers, 13 adults and 14 puppies, with seven of them still nursing. They were removed from a home on Oct. 5, according to the Monadnock Humane Society.

They're calling the conditions inhumane.

The organization said many of the dogs were underweight, testing positive for multiple parasites.

One was tested for Lyme disease.

"Some of these breeders are in very remote areas in the Monadnock Region and it takes eyes to see what's going on and to have these situations reported," Collinsworth said. "And unfortunately, sometimes it takes too long for that to happen and the dogs multiply."

The organization said it's overseeing all care for the dogs as the case continues.

They share that could cost more than \$7,000 dollars a week.

The younger puppies are with their mother. Puppies that are old enough are in foster homes.

“When you get to look into the eyes of these animals knowing where they came from and where they are now and hopefully where they will be, it makes our jobs incredibly rewarding,” Collinsworth said.

The breeder has been charged with animal neglect, according to the Monadnock Humane Society.

He's expected to appear in court in the next couple of weeks.

The breeder does have an opportunity to go before a judge to contest these charges. There is a chance, depending on how the case goes, that the dogs will go back.