

Police investigate dozens of domesticated rats allegedly discarded on side of road in Barnstead



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BARNSTEAD, N.H. —

About 30 domesticated hooded rats were released on the side of the road in Barnstead, according to police.

Police said they believe someone discarded several bags containing rats near the 700 block on Province Road.

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Video shows several rats crawling around a rock wall on the side of the road.

Police said this is animal cruelty under New Hampshire law and they are searching for the person responsible.

The NHSPCA is going to try to capture the rats Thursday, police said.