

15 dogs rescued from New Hampshire home in deplorable condition, police say



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HOOKSETT, N.H. —

Three members of a New Hampshire family are due to appear in court next month after more than a dozen dogs were rescued from their Hooksett home, which police said was in deplorable condition.

Hooksett police said they received a call on Tuesday requesting a check on a Merrimack Street home over concerns about the living conditions and the welfare of the dogs inside.

Two police officers found seven approximately 12-week-old puppies together in one crate, four older puppies together in another crate and four adult dogs loose in the home.

According to police, there was no food or water present for the dogs and there was urine and feces throughout the house. Police also said the dogs were covered in feces and showing signs of various health issues.

Hooksett police said the officers seized the 15 dogs and with the help of Granite State Dog Recovery, all of the pets were transported to the Pope Memorial SPCA to receive care.

The New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth & Families was also called to the home because there was a juvenile living in the house, according to police.

Police said warrants were issued on Thursday for 48-year-old Billy Towne, 45-year-old Jennifer Liles and 24-year-old Patrick Liles. All three family members turned themselves in to the Hooksett Police Department.

Towne and Jennifer Liles were each charged with 15 counts of animal cruelty and one count of endangering the welfare of a child. Both of them were released on \$2,500 cash bail.

Patrick Liles was charged with 15 counts of animal cruelty and released on \$1,000 cash bail.

Hooksett police said all three suspects are scheduled to appear at the 6th Circuit Court in Hooksett on the morning of Feb. 29.