



# *Kane County Sheriff's Office*



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Date: 3/5/14

Location: 44W222 Rt 20 Hampshire Township

Time: 1:00 pm

Incident: Cruel Treatment of Animal Arrest

### **SYNOPSIS**

The Kane County Sheriff's Office is assisting Kane County Animal Control with an investigation concerning a report of deceased animals on two farms in rural Kane County.

Approximately one week ago, Kane County Animal Control began an investigation after receiving a report of a deceased horse at a farm on Beith Rd near Maple Park. Animal control staff discovered a deceased horse and deceased equine fetus at that farm. Animal Control staff received additional information that the owner of the deceased animals may have additional animals on a farm located on Rt 20 near Hampshire. Animal Control personnel located that farm where the other animals were being kept. The staff veterinarian for Animal Control went to that farm and discovered that several animals were ill and the conditions were not conducive to the keeping of livestock. Animal Control staff was able to obtain a search warrant for the property at 44W222 Rt 20 unincorporated Hampshire. During their search of that property, they discovered several deceased animals, numerous animals displaying signs of severe illness, lack of adequate food, and all the water designated for the animals was frozen.

Animal Control then received permission from the State of Illinois to impound the animals to begin to provide care for them. The owner of the property, who was not the owner of the animals, granted permission for the animals to remain on the property. Animal Control coordinated a delivery of fresh hay, purchased food for the chickens and rabbits and heaters for the water bowls for the animals. Animal Control also coordinated several vet visits on property to care for the ill animals. In all there were approximately 94 total animals on the farm on Rt 20.

#### Deceased animals

- 1-pony recovered from the Beith Rd property
- 1-equine fetus recovered from the Beith Rd property
- 1-donkey Rt 20 property
- 1-goat Rt 20 property
- 2-mini horses Rt 20 property
- 4-chicknes Rt 20 property

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Sheriff's Deputies took the owner of the animals, Stacy Fiebelkorn 5/8/79 1066 Borden Dr Elgin, into custody and she was charged with the following misdemeanors:

1 count violation of owners duties to provide adequate food, shelter and water and vet care to prevent suffering  
1 count cruelty to animals

The charges against Fiebelkorn are not proof of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the State's burden to prove his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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