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Roanoke County Police Place Charges in Animal Hoarding Case

March 20, 2017 – The Roanoke County Police Department is aware of social posts regarding an animal hoarding case involving Forever Home Animal Rescue located in the 3500 block of Chaparral Drive. Police went to the home this morning and found 15 dogs. All of the dogs are in good body condition and health.

Roanoke County Code states it is unlawful to keep more than three dogs unless you apply and are approved for a dog kennel license. The owner does not have a business license and is no longer able to act as an animal rescue organization in Roanoke County. The owner was given notice to come into compliance with the Code.

Police charged the owner with one count each of Kennel Violation; No County Tags; No Rabies Vaccination; No Rabies Certificate; Unsanitary Conditions; and Responsible Animal Care.

While many social media posts claim the conditions of the home to be deplorable, police have been inside the entire home and found the only unsanitary conditions are related to the amount of ammonia smell from dog urine. Police are aware of the photos posted on social media and did not find those types of conditions when the home was searched today.

Police say citizens and organizations have come forward to place the dogs elsewhere and they are being removed from the home.

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