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### Media Release

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**From:** Sergeant Donna Black  
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**Re:** Sick & Malnourished Dogs Dumped During the Night

**Date:** November 18, 2010

**Case#:** 2010-43965

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On November 18, 2010 at 2:53 am, Hernando County Deputies responded to Holden Dr & Hilton Rd, Brooksville, after neighbors woke up to dogs barking and looked outside to see multiple small dogs abandoned in the roadway.

When deputies arrived they saw approximately 50 small dogs believed to be Lhasa Apso breed in the middle of the road and in yards. The dogs varied in ages from mature dogs to mother dogs with puppies. It is obvious that all the dogs were dumped on this dead end road intentionally abandoned during the night.

Animal Control Officers responded to the scene and began gathering the dogs. The dogs appeared to be malnourished with numerous types of skin lesions, matted fur, and covered with fleas, urine and feces.

Currently, Animal Control has recovered 62 dogs which have been taken to their facility for evaluation and treatment. It is unknown if all the dogs have been found.

It is possible these dogs were part of a puppy mill or back yard breeder. This case is being investigated by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with Hernando County Animal Control. Anyone with information about these dogs is asked to call the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830. Or if you wish to remain anonymous and be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.00 call the Hernando Crime Stoppers toll free 1-866-990-TIPS or email a tip by clicking on [www.hernadosheriff.org](http://www.hernadosheriff.org) Crime Stopper link.

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