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Media Release

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Re: Deputies Remove Numerous Dogs and Cats from Brooksville Property

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On 06-13-18, Hernando County Sheriff's Deputies along with Animal Enforcement Officers responded to 4320 Neff Lake Road in Brooksville, the home/property of 71-year-old Carol Allard, to remove numerous dogs and cats from the property.

Animal Enforcement Officers with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office have been working with Allard, off and on, for the past few months, in an effort to bring her up to Hernando County Code, as it pertains to the care and welfare of her animals. Allard was unable to meet all of the requirements; therefore, the animals were removed from the property.

A total of 60 dogs and 23 cats were removed from the property. Of the dogs removed, 56 were transported to Hernando County Animals Services (HCAS) and four went to various Rescues who sent representatives to the scene to assist with the removal. All 23 cats went to HCAS. Two feral cats were left on scene as Animal Enforcement Officers were unable to catch them. Continued attempts will be made to catch the two cats. When caught, they will be transported to HCAS as a part of the catch, neuter, and release (CNR) program.

A total of 14 dogs were left on scene. This brings Allard under the number of animals that are permitted before a kennel license is required.

Authorities at HCAS are working with Allard to surrender the animals that were removed from her property. If Allard does not surrender the animals, a fitness petition will be filed, asking a judge to order the animals out of her custody, permanently.

For the most part, all of the animals removed from the property were in good health. A few had skin conditions, or paws that required medical attention. One dog had a minor breathing issue. Deputies noted that each dog that had any sort of medical condition or

ailment was being treated with medication. All animals were properly vaccinated and were being treated for fleas and ticks.

Ms. Allard told deputies that it has been her life-long passion to care for and rescue animals, and she doesn't want to see any animal euthanized.

No criminal charges will be filed.

The Office of Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, and remains accountable to them.