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Department of Agriculture Animal Control Officer Todd Curry inspecting a van that was found to be carrying illegally-imported dogs from Tennessee to a state commuter parking lot in Plainfield.

POTENTIAL BUYERS, ADOPTERS OF IMPORTED ANIMALS ADVISED TO BEWARE OF UNLICENSED TRANSPORTERS, UNHEALTHY PETS

The Department of Agriculture is advising residents to be aware of illegal dog and cat sales by out-of-state organizations that often portray themselves as animal-rescue organizations and are not licensed to do business in Connecticut.

Animal Control Officers from the department recently took part in a multi-state task force that targeted unlicensed animal importers transferring dogs and cats to adopters for a donation fee at commuter parking lots along I-395 in Eastern Connecticut.

The task force consisted of state animal control officers and inspectors from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, as well as Plainfield police, state police troopers and officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

USDA licenses and regulates transport and sale of animals. Transporters doing business in Connecticut also must obtain an importation license from the state agriculture department and file notice of any intended sale event.

The task force operation resulted in the arrest of an importer from Tennessee who was transporting more than 30 dogs, 17 of which were without proper health certificates and other documents. Citations were issued to three other importers, two from Tennessee and one from Ohio, who were carrying a total of 45

dogs and cats at the time of inspection. Authorities believe that as many as 100 animals were improperly brought into the state.

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said the unlicensed sales are not only illegal, but often involve animals that have health problems and have not been given proper veterinary care.

"Buying or adopting an animal represents a long-term commitment and should never be done on impulse or without researching both the animal and the seller," Reviczky said. "Far too many well-intentioned people are going home with animals that they believe are healthy, but are later found to have serious and expensive health issues."

Verification that a seller or importer is licensed and has filed event notices can be found on the state's E-Licensing website at www.elicense.ct.gov.

Potential buyers should also ask for a copy of the animal's health certificate and where the drop-off will take place. If it is in a state commuter lot, the adoption is not legal because no commercial business is allowed in the lots. The June 27 operation came after an investigation into complaints that illegal

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PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean	98.00	107.00
boners 80-85% lean	97.00	109.00
lean 88-90% lean	93.00	102.00
CALVES graded bull		
No 1 110-128 lbs	440.00	475.00
No 1 90-108 lbs	490.00	585.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	148.00	152.00
Ch2-3	142.50	148.00
Sel2-3	138.00	142.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	139.00	140.00
Ch2-3	132.00	135.00
Sel1-2	127.00	132.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm3-4	147.50	151.50
Ch2-3	143.00	145.00
Sel1-2	139.00	142.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3		
80-90 lbs	188.00	188.00
90-110 lbs	202.00	205.00
150-200 lbs	198.00	198.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
90-120 lbs	92.00	92.00
120-170 lbs	98.00	108.00
220-250 lbs	60.00	80.00
BUCKS		
200-300 lbs	82.00	90.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel. 1, by head, est.		
40-60 lbs	160.00	180.00
60-80 lbs	225.00	225.00
Nannies/Does:		
80-130 lbs	180.00	195.00
130-180 lbs	175.00	180.00
Bucks/Billies:		
100-150 lbs	240.00	275.00
150-250 lbs	310.00	365.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

52-56	200-300 lbs	55.00	58.00
	300-350 lbs	50.00	51.00
48-52	250-300 lbs	50.00	50.00
	300-350 lbs	40.00	44.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	400-550 lbs	25.00	28.00
Boars			
	500-750 lbs	7.00	8.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLESBoston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LB	14.00	14.00
BEANS, GREEN, HND PKD, BU	30.00	30.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEETS, GOLDEN, 25 LB LOOSE	22.00	22.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12-1 PT/LIDS	24.00	28.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12-PT, PULP	30.00	34.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, 50LBS	14.00	14.00
CABBAGE, RED, 50 LBS	16.00	16.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, 50 LBS	16.00	16.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4 -1 GAL	21.00	21.00
CORN, 5 DOZ	15.00	18.00
CUCUMBERS 1-1/9	26.00	26.00
CUKES, PICKLING, 1/2 BU	16.00	16.00
CUKES, PICKLING, 1-1/9 BU	20.00	22.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9 BU	20.00	20.00
KALE, 12 CT	15.00	15.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, 12 CT	12.00	12.00
LETTUCE, HYDROPONIC, 12 CT	15.00	15.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, 12 CT	13.00	14.00
PEPPERS, BELL, GRN, 1-1/9 BU	22.00	23.00
PEPPERS, CHERRY, 1/2 BU	16.00	16.00
PEPPERS, JALAPENO, 1/2 BU	16.00	16.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 20 LB	26.00	28.00
SQUASH, GREY, 1/2 BU	15.00	18.00
SQUASH, YEL/GRN, FNCY, 1/2 BU	12.00	16.00
SWISS CHARD, RNBW, 12 CT	15.00	15.00
SWISS CHARD, GREEN, 12 CT	15.00	15.00
TOMATOES, GRAPE, 12-1PT	18.00	20.00
TOMATOES, SLICERS, 20 LB	20.00	30.00

SHIPPED IN

APRICOTS, WA, 2LYR PK, 72	28.00	30.00
CHERRIES, RED TART, NY, 8 QT	44.00	4.00
GRAPE, WHT, SDLS, CA, 19LB, #1	24.00	28.00
LEEKs, NJ, 1-1/4 BU, 12 CT	21.00	23.00
MUSHRMS, OYSTER, PA, 3LB	13.00	13.25
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, 30 CT	24.00	26.00
PEACHES, NJ 1/2 BU, 2-3/4" UP	23.00	24.00
PEPPERS, CUBANELLE, NJ, 1-1/9	30.00	32.00

USDA WHOLESALE - CUT FLOWERS

AGERATUM, NE, PER BUNCH	7.50	7.50
ALLIUM, DRUMSTIC, LONG, PA, 10	7.50	7.50
ALLIUM, DRUMSTIC, LNG, NE, EA	.75	.80
AMARANTHUS, HANGING, NE, 5	12.50	12.50
ASCLEPIAS, LONG, NJ, 10	8.50	8.50
DAHLIA, LGE HEAD, LONG, NJ, 5	12.00	12.00
ECHINACEA, XLONG, PA, BNCH	9.50	9.50
FOXGLOVE, LONG, NE, BNCH	12.00	12.00
FREESIA, LONG, NE, 10	8.75	8.75
GOMPHRENA, LONG, NE	8.50	8.50
LILIES, ASIATIC, LNG, ME, BNCH	20.00	20.00
LILIES, ORIENT, LNG, ME, 2-3BLM	20.00	20.00
LISIANTHUS, XLNG, NE, 10	17.50	17.50
PHLOX, LNG, ASRTD, NE, BNCH	8.50	8.50
SEDUM, NE, PER BNCH	8.50	10.00
SNAPDRAGONS, SHORT NE, 10	7.50	7.50
SUNFLOWER, LGE, PA, 5	6.50	7.50
VERONICA, NE, PER BNCH	8.00	8.00
YARROW, PA, PER BNCH	7.50	7.50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, Aug. 3, 2015

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	60.00	70.00
61-75 lbs.	290.00	295.00
76-90 lbs.	300.00	315.00
91-105 lbs.	320.00	325.00
106 lbs. & up	330.00	335.00
Farm Calves	340.00	345.00
Starter Calves	55.00	65.00
Veal Calves	140.00	290.00
Open Heifers	100.00	125.00
Beef Heifers	128.00	145.00
Feeder Steers		n/a
Beef Steers	128.00	143.00
Stock Bulls	135.00	170.00
Beef Bulls	120.00	132.00
Replacement Cows		n/a
Replacement Heifers		n/a
Boars		n/a
Sows		n/a
Butcher Hogs		n/a
Feeder Pigs		n/a
Sheep	100.00	105.00
Lambs	125.00	175.00
Goats each	100.00	280.00
Kid Goats	85.00	170.00
Canners	up to	101.00
Cutters	102.00	104.00
Utility Grade Cows	105.00	110.00
Rabbits each	3.00	25.00
Chickens each	4.00	23.00
Ducks each	8.00	18.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	2.55	2.83
LARGE	2.49	2.63
MEDIUM	2.07	2.20

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	2.96	3.10
LARGE	2.94	3.05
MEDIUM	2.26	2.34

PA FEEDER PIG SUMMARY

US #1-2		
20-30 lb	140.00	150.00
30-40 lb	110.00	150.00
40-50 lb	100.00	150.00
US #2-3		
20-30 lb	130.00	170.00
40-60 lb	140.00	175.00

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- Aug. 13, CT: Wamogo Agricultural Science and Technology, 98 Wamogo Road, Litchfield--10 am to 1 pm
- Sept. 10, MA: MA Dept. of Agriculture Satellite Office conference room, 101 University Drive, Amherst -- 10 am to 1 pm
- Sept. 23, RI: Building 75, East Farm, University of Rhode Island, 2163 Kingstown Road, Kingston -- 10 am to 1 pm

Contact: Jean King at jean.king@uconn.edu or 860-916-7367.

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importers were using commuter parking lots to conduct the transfer of animals, often on weekends.

Buyers or adopters typically view the animals on an organization's website, and arrange to meet the transporter in the lot at a specified time. Donation fees can commonly reach several hundred dollars.

At 7 a.m., officers arriving at a state commuter lot in Plainfield observed a maroon van with Tennessee registration plates containing numerous dogs and cats, several of which had just been delivered to their new owners.

The transport company, Pooches on the Move, in Athens, Tenn., was not licensed to import animals into Connecticut. Company owner Cindy Rhoda was subsequently cited for one count of failing to register as an importer, and was also was cited for 16 counts of failing to provide an event notice - one for each animal brought into the state.

Any animal importer who intends to offer a dog or cat for sale, adoption or transfer at a public venue such as a parking lot or shopping center is required to provide notice to the agriculture department and the local zoning enforcement officer no later than ten days prior to the event.

Violations carry a maximum fine of \$100 per animal.

At 8 a.m., members of the task force went to a public parking lot in Plainfield, where several adopters were seen being handed dogs from a white van registered in Tennessee.

After witnessing the exchange of cash between an adopter and the van's driver, Timothy Giles, officers approached and found 17 animals inside.

Giles, 64, owner of the K-9 Cowboy transport company in Franklin, Tenn., produced a valid Connecticut transport license but had outdated or improper health certificates and other documentation for several of the animals.

Officers interviewed the adopters and learned that all were prepared to pay for the dogs by cash or check, agriculture department Animal Control Officer Todd Curry wrote in a report on the case.

"However, with inspectors present during the transfer, Giles would hold his arms up in the air and refuse to take the payment," in order to avoid a violation, Curry wrote. "All adopters left without paying."

Giles was arrested on seven misdemeanor charges stemming from the health certificate violations, one count of operating an animal facility without a license, and was cited for 17 counts of failing to provide event notices.

Kyle Pederson, 42, also of Tennessee, was charged with operating an animal facility without a license after officers witnessed one of his workers taking \$125 cash in exchange for one of 39 dogs found in his tractor-trailer parked at a state commuter lot in Plainfield.

Pederson, owner of PETS Transport Company, was subsequently cited for 17 counts of failing to provide event notices.

A fourth importer, Greg Mahle, 53, of Zanesville, Ohio, was cited for one count of failure to provide event notices after he was observed delivering dogs to several adopters from his Rescue Road Trips tractor-trailer at a public parking lot in Putnam that afternoon.

The adopters told officers that they had pre-paid for the dogs via Pay Pal and/or a credit card. Mahle was cited for one count of failing to provide an event notice.

The agriculture department also licenses and inspects commercial kennels, pet shops, pet groomers and training facilities. Anyone with complaints involving these businesses or importers may call 860-713-2506.



Photographs taken during a multi-state task force operation targeting unlicensed importers of dogs and cats into Connecticut that were transferred to new owners at public and state commuter parking lots along I-395 in Eastern Connecticut. The operation led to the arrest or citation of three importers from Tennessee and one from Ohio.



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