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Connecticut Department of Agriculture Pursues Animal Cruelty Charges

(HARTFORD, CONN.) On Monday July 25, 2011, the Meriden Police Department took Maureen Kenney of 707 Hanover Street, Meriden, Conn., into custody for an outstanding warrant from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture for three counts of Cruelty to Animals.

The arrest stems from a lengthy investigation by the Department of Agriculture's Animal Control Division into the care of animals owned by Kenney. On May 13, 2011, the Department of Agriculture seized ten horses, two goats, five rabbits, one duck, three dogs, and two cats from two Meriden properties where Kenney housed animals.

"The Department worked with Ms. Kenney to improve the care given to the animals so that they could remain safely on the property," said Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky. "Ultimately, we had to intervene and remove the animals to ensure their health and welfare. They are now receiving proper care and their conditions have improved greatly."

Kenney was scheduled to be arraigned today in Meriden Superior Court.

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