

Animals Removed from Humboldt Home Being Treated

(KTNC) - Many of the animals seized from a Humboldt home last week are being treated by veterinarians at the Nebraska Humane Society in Omaha.

Authorities removed 24 cats and four dogs from the home at 608 Central Avenue in Humboldt last Friday.

A Nebraska Ag Department inspector who checked the home last Thursday found the animals to be “lethargic” and “lifeless.” The conditions inside the home pose a health risk, with a high concentration of ammonia due to the accumulated animal waste and a stench from rotting trash.

According to Kelli Brown, a Lead Investigator with the Nebraska Humane Society, a few of the cats could not be saved. The others are being treated, mainly for respiratory ailments caused by the high ammonia levels. She says some of the cats also have “social issues,” as they are not used to being around people. Brown says the cats will require antibiotics to treat the infections, and it may take some time before they are ready to be adopted.

She says the dogs – who were outside the home – were in better condition than the cats. They are being evaluated by veterinarians, and Brown says the Humane Society hopes to place the dogs for adoption once they complete treatment.

Twenty-six year-old Jessica Horner and 23-year-old Loretta Horner face misdemeanor charges of animal cruelty and neglect. They are scheduled to appear in Richardson County Court on September 23.