

# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **June 29, 2010**

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From: Chief James H. Pushee

### **Deering Police and Animal Rescue League Seize Animals**

At about 1:15 PM on Monday June 28, 2010, Members of the Deering Police Department, accompanied and assisted by an Animal Cruelty Investigator from the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, and by the Deering Town Administrator/ Health Officer, conducted a search and seizure of a number of cats and a dog at a Deering residence. This search was conducted after Chief James Pushee from the Deering Police applied for and received a Search and Seizure Warrant from the presiding Justice of the Henniker District Court.

Seized during the execution of this Search Warrant were 18 cats and 1 dog. All animals were turned over to the Animal Rescue League for care and protection. In addition, it is believe that there are several cats that are were unable to be captured by the League during the execution of the search warrant. Efforts are still underway to remove the remainder of the animals from the residence.

This search warrant was one step in the investigation by the Deering Police Department after several other efforts by the Police Department, the Animal Rescue League, and the Health Officer/Town Administrator, to remedy the situation were unsuccessful. Previous to executing the Search Warrant, the animals owners had voluntarily surrendered 18 other cats during a consensual visit to the residence on June 14, 2010, by the investigating agencies. Vetinarians from the Animal Rescue League found all of these animals suffering from various and serious maladies and injuries.

During the execution of this Search Warrant, members of the Deering Police arrested three residents who live at the property. Each subject arrested was charged with (one count each of) Cruelty to Animals under NH Statute 644:8. Placed under arrest were:

Randy C. Emery, 36 years of age, #2352 Second NH Tpk, Deering, NH 03244

Randy M. Emery, 58 years of age, #2352 Second NH Tpk, Deering, NH 03244

Phyllis A. Emery, 56 years of age, #2352 Second NH Tpk, Deering, NH 03244

All three subjects were released on Personal Recognizance Bail and ordered to appear for arraignment in the Henniker District Court on September 16, 2010 at 08:15 AM hours.