UPDATE: Over 100 Dogs Rescued from Burning Home

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On December 12 at approximately 3 a.m., Calvert County Sheriff’s Office Animal Control Officer James Fisher was called out to assist with animals at a residential fire located in the 1200 block of Neptune Lane in Huntingtown.

Upon his arrival he was advised that a large amount of animals were at the residence and that four had perished due to smoke inhalation. Animal Control did not remove any animals from the property.

On December 13, ACOII C. Dichter and ACO J. Fisher returned to the residence to continue their investigation and speak to the owners. The ACO’s checked the welfare of the animals. They observed approximately 100 Chihuahua dogs and some puppies, approximately 40 Staffordshire bull terrier type dogs and some puppies, as well as approximately 10 Rottweilers and some Rottweiler puppies. All of the dogs appeared to be healthy and in good condition. The owners advised that at the time of the fire they had approximately 35 dogs, including puppies, inside the residence located in cages and play pens. The remaining animals were outside of the residence in pens.

Animal Control is offering assistance with the animals. The investigation is continuing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Animal Control Unit at (410) 535-1600 ext. 2526.

Fire officials say more than 100 dogs were pulled from a burning house along 1200 block of Neptune Lane in Huntingtown.

Over 50 firefighters from Huntingtown, Prince Frederick, Dunkirk, North Beach and units from Anne Arundel County responded to report of a fire on Sunday, Dec. 12 around 2:45 a.m.

Crews arrived on the scene to discover a one-story wood-frame residence with heavy smoke showing. Firefighters found no occupants present but heard cries from inside; a report of persons possibly trapped was initiated. Crews went to work performing an aggressive search for trapped persons through the thick smoke. It quickly became apparent that the cries were not people, but several dozen dogs trapped. Firefighters made entry and were able to knock the fire within five minutes.

The number of trapped dogs quickly escalated from 30 to 50 and eventually to 129 dogs. Due to excellent teamwork by all firefighters on the scene, 125 dogs were safely removed from the residence; four did perish in the blaze due to smoke inhalation. The rescued dogs included Staffordshire Terriers, Rottweiler’s and Chihuahuas.

A business website for Kimmar Kennels which lists the same home address on Neptune Drive, says it breeds and shows Staffordshire Terriers.

Animal Control, SMECO, Red Cross and the Fire Investigator were requested to the scene.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.