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ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATION IN HUNTERDON COUNTY LEADS TO THE RECOVERY OF 188 DOGS

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Michael J. Williams, Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo, and New Jersey State Police Kingwood Station Commander Lt. Sean O'Connor announced that an ongoing animal cruelty investigation has led to the seizure of 170 dogs at a residence in Kingwood Township.

Acting Prosecutor Williams stated, "Detectives from the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office's Major Crimes Unit and New Jersey State Police Kingwood barracks responded to a residence in Kingwood Township. A search of the home and other buildings located on the property uncovered over 170 dogs believed to be neglected. In addition, another 30 dogs were previously surrendered by the home owners. The dogs were removed from the residence by St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center and the Monmouth County SPCA. The rescue operation took place early morning Tuesday and continued throughout the day. The animal cruelty investigation is ongoing and charges are still pending.

Acting Prosecutor Williams added, "I would like to thank St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center and Monmouth County SPCA for their hard work and assistance in this matter. I would also like to thank the members of the New Jersey State Police, Kingwood Township Rescue Squad, Hunterdon County OEM, Hunterdon County Health Department, and Adult Protective Services for their assistance in the animal rescue."

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