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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Woodbine couple charged with 100+ counts of animal cruelty** *Many animals available for adoption now*

Howard County Animal Control has charged a Woodbine couple with over one hundred counts each of animal cruelty after finding 54 animals living in poor conditions inside their home.

Glenn Andrew Hopple, 58, and Candace Elizabeth Berry, 66, both of the 16400 block of Frederick Road, were charged with failing to provide sufficient food, shelter, space and veterinary care to the animals, and causing unnecessary pain and suffering.

Howard County Animal Control and Adoption Center officers seized the animals on Sept. 21, including 50 dogs, three turtles and a parrot after receiving a tip from a concerned citizen about unsanitary conditions in a puppy mill being run out of the couple's basement. In August, Animal Control seized eight miniature horses and a donkey suffering from severe malnutrition.

Many of the seized animals have already received veterinary evaluations and care and are available for adoption now; some have already been adopted. A number of young puppies and their mothers are not yet available. One seriously ill puppy did not survive. The farm animals seized in August were placed with Days End Horse Farm.

Hopple and Berry's charges were served as a summons. Each of the 100+ counts could carry up to a \$1,000 fine and 90 days in jail.

A list of adoptable animals, as well as information on how to make a donation, is available on the center's website: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Police/Animal-Control>

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