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Search Warrant Executed at Mantua Home. Deceased Dogs Found.

RAVENNA, Ohio (June 19, 2023) – On Friday, June 16, 2023, the Portage Animal Protective League’s Humane Investigations Department executed a search warrant at a Mantua home after receiving a tip that an animal cruelty charge was pending in another jurisdiction against the homeowner. The homeowner is known to be a founding operator of Canine Lifeline, Inc., a nonprofit animal rescue.

Inside the home, the Humane Agent discovered 146 deceased dogs in varying stages of decay. No dogs were found alive. Many of the dogs were found confined within their crates. Necropsies (animal autopsies) will be performed to determine the dogs’ causes of death. This investigation is ongoing and no other details will be released at this time. Anyone with knowledge or details about this investigation is asked to contact the Humane Agent, Holly Ebner at humaneofficer@portageapl.org.

The Portage Animal Protective League is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the only county humane society empowered to investigate and prosecute suspected animal abuse in Portage County. For more information about the Portage Animal Protective League, visit www.portageapl.org

Portage APL mission...To shelter and find safe homes for injured, abused and abandoned animals. To uphold and enforce all animal cruelty laws. To reduce pet overpopulation through spay/neuter programs. To educate the community on the social responsibility associated with pet ownership. The Portage APL is a “limited access, unlimited stay” shelter. This means that adoptable animals remain at the shelter until they find the right home.

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