

Dogfighting allegations leave one man jailed

(KAIR)--A Doniphan County man goes to jail, following the seizure of 45 dogs, believed to have been used for dogfighting.

A news release from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation says a search warrant was executed Thursday morning leading to the seizure, and to the arrest of 28-year-old Colton Albright, of Bendena.

The release says the ASPCA is assisting with the collection of evidence following the discovery of what the release calls “adult dogs and puppies living in deplorable conditions” throughout the Bendena property.

Some of the dogs appeared to have “scars and injuries commonly associated with dogfighting.” Alleged dogfighting paraphernalia was also found.

Following the raid, Albright was arrested for 42 counts of dogfighting, four counts of possession of dogfighting paraphernalia, one count of animal cruelty, one count of possession of marijuana with the intent to sell, one count of felony drug paraphernalia, one count of criminal possession of a firearm by a felon, two counts of criminal possession of a firearm less than 18 inches, and a drug tax stamp violation.

Following his arrest, Albright was booked into the Doniphan County Jail.

The Doniphan County Sheriff's Office is assisting with the investigation.

“We are extremely thankful that the ASPCA was willing to partner with us in this investigation. Their responders are best equipped to ensure these animals receive the treatment and care they require,” said Melissa Underwood, spokeswoman for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

“Sadly, dogfighting is more prevalent than many people think and it continues to be a popular underground activity throughout the country,” added Joel Lopez, Operations Director for the ASPCA Field Investigations and Response team. “The ASPCA is grateful for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation for working with us to tackle this horrific form of animal abuse. Our immediate goal is to transport these dogs to a safe place where they will receive much-needed care and treatment.”

According to the release, the dogs will be transported to an ASPCA temporary shelter at an undisclosed location, where they will be cared for by ASPCA veterinary and behavior experts until custody is determined by the court.

Great Plains SPCA is providing medical assistance to the ASPCA, but is not sheltering any of the dogs, according to Intake Manager Megan Ochoa.

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