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****PRESS RELEASE****

Arrest in Silver Springs yields 133 counts of Animal Cruelty

On March 13, 2025, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office assisted Lyon County Animal Control Officers with the execution of a search warrant at an address in Silver Springs. Lyon County Animal Control Officers had been investigating multiple leads involving animal cruelty at the residence.

Upon execution of the warrant, multiple animals were discovered throughout the property that were caged, malnourished, wounded, and near death. The following animals were discovered on the property. Each animal was either injured and/or lacking sustenance:

- ☒ 7 horses (1 was euthanized due to severe injuries)
- ☒ 2 miniature horses
- ☒ 9 dogs
- ☒ 47 goats
- ☒ 6 peacocks
- ☒ 1 cat
- ☒ 1 rabbit
- ☒ 1 owl

The owners of the animals, identified as Silver Springs residents **JOHN COMELLAS** and **KIMBERLY COMELLAS**, were arrested and charged with the following offenses:

- ☒ 133 Counts of Animal Cruelty
- ☒ Exceeding number of dogs
- ☒ Failure to license dogs
- ☒ Failure to immunize animals

Total bail is \$135,205 each

The animals were taken into custody and turned over to the proper authorities for care and rehabilitation.

Any questions or information in reference to this case can be directed to Sgt. Julie Redmond by calling (775) 463-6600. Reference Case # 25LY00995 or Lyon county Animal Control at (775) 577-5005.

Sergeant Julie Redmond
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