

Tioga County Sheriff's Office



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More than 100 Farm Animals Rescued from Poor Conditions in Joint Effort Between ASPCA, Tioga County Sheriff's Office

Cows, goats, and horses, some who appear underweight with limited access to food, water, and veterinary care, are being transported to emergency shelters operated by the ASPCA where they will receive veterinary forensic exams, immediate medical treatment, and ongoing care

Owego, N.Y.— At the request of the Tioga County Sheriff's Office, the [ASPCA](#)® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) is on the ground in Owego, N.Y. assisting with the urgent rescue of more than 100 farm animals, including some who are exhibiting signs of neglect. Cows, goats, and horses, including young calves, are being removed from a property in Tioga County after investigators discovered them living in poor conditions with limited access to food, water, or medical care. Some appear to be underweight and were found living amongst filth, and at least one calf required urgent care. Deceased animals were also found on the property.

The ASPCA is assisting with operational planning, animal removal and transport, evidence collection and crime scene processing, investigative and legal support, forensics exams, medical care, and ongoing sheltering for the animals. The Massachusetts SPCA and Susquehanna SPCA are also assisting with this case by providing transport assistance and daily care for the animals.

"The ASPCA is committed to working with law enforcement across the country to end the suffering of animals big and small, and to provide them with immediate care and safety," **said ASPCA Legal Advocacy Senior Counsel Elizabeth Brandler.** "Upon arriving on scene, it was clear these animals were not receiving adequate care, and we're grateful to the Tioga County Sheriff's Office for recognizing the need to intervene and for their dedication to animal welfare in their community."

The ASPCA deploys nationally to assist local authorities in animal cruelty and neglect cases. It also provides local communities with resources including grant funding, training, and subject matter expertise to effectively assist animals during cruelty and disaster situations.

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