

## Cat Sanctuary Investigated on Cruelty Charges

**Authorities seized more than 300 felines from the Idaho shelter.**

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About 345 cats, many of them ill and dying, have been seized from a Bonner County, Idaho, cat sanctuary as part of an animal cruelty investigation.

Bonner County Sheriff's deputies, along with officials from the Humane Society of the United States, served a search warrant at Voice of the Animals' Camelot sanctuary in Blanchard, Idaho, on Sept. 6.

The Humane Society, which inspected the property, said it found hundreds of cats living in as many as nine trailer homes. According to an inspection report, scores of cats were found stricken with fleas, ringworm lesions and upper respiratory ailments.

Voice of the Animals is a nonprofit group which operates Camelot, a no-kill facility specializing in taking in sick and terminally ill cats.

Camelot's operators, Edwin Criswell, 43, and Cheryl Perkins, 58, were not placed under arrest, but authorities have said misdemeanor animal cruelty charges against them are pending.

The Sheriff's office has declined to say where the animals are being held while the investigation is being conducted.