



# Adams County Sheriff's Office

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**Issued by:** Undersheriff John W Hunt

On July 12, 2008 at about 1030 hours deputies of the Adams County Sheriff's Office, served a search warrant on east Third street in Lind, where Sharon Provost, a 71 year old female of Lind, was taken into custody and charged with Animal Cruelty in the first degree. Provost was transported to Ritzville where she was booked and later released.

The search warrant and arrest culminated from a complaint received by the Sheriff's office, that Provost had a large number of Australian Shepherd dogs that were being mistreated, and not taken care of properly, to include one dog that had apparently strangled itself on it's collar and had been left in the kennel with several other dogs for an extended period of time.

Accompanied by volunteers of K9 Pet Rescue of Othello and Ritzville, the Sheriff's Office seized 111 dogs, 2 of which had to be humanely put down, because of their declining medical condition. A veterinarian was on scene to inspect the condition of the animals. Generally the condition of the animals was poor, most had no food or water available to them. Also found in the residence were the carcasses of 4 dogs that had been there for a very extended period.

The dogs will be housed and taken care of by volunteers of K9 Pet Rescue for a minimum of 14 days after which if the court does not return them to the owner will be available for adoption through K9 Pet Rescue.