



## Woman Trying to Help Animals Arrested for Cruelty; Officers Found More Than 100 Dogs and Cats

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HODGENVILLE, Kentucky — A LaRue County woman who investigators say was trying to help animals is charged with animal cruelty and harboring a vicious animal.

WKYT-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/1Y4PYOt>) Jane Embry applied for a kennel license Tuesday. When an animal control officer went to inspect her property he found dozens of dogs and cats there.

"She had real good intentions for doing what she was doing, but you just got to keep your mindset where you're not actually helping them, you're harming them," LaRue County Sheriff, Russell McCoy, said.

Officials said most of Embry's animals appear to be healthy. Five different shelters were called in to take the animals.

In a telephone interview, Embry said the animals were not mistreated or suffering.

"I tried to start a sanctuary for special needs dogs and cats out of my home in Magnolia," she said. "I gone to every official and asked for help, but I've been given the wrong information and no help."

Embry said she formed a nonprofit called Sassy Ann's Special Needs Sanctuary. She said shelters have given her animals to take care of that are old, or disabled, or injured and unlikely to be adopted. Nonetheless, Embry says she has adopted out some animals in the year-or-so the sanctuary has been open.

"These animals deserve a loving home," she said.

Embry said the animals have about two-thirds of an acre to run around on as well as the bottom floor of her house. But she has clashed with a neighbor over the sanctuary.

Embry said the vicious animal charge came after a deputy was either bitten or scratched. Embry said she had warned the deputy not to enter the fenced yard.

Embry is free on a \$1,000 bond with a Wednesday court date.

Information from: WKYT-TV, <http://www.wkyt.com>

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