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Tortoises and Mastiffs Rescued at Hoarder Home in North Harris County

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HOUSTON (June 23, 2023) – Houston SPCA, Harris County Constable Precinct 1 and Klein Fire Department worked together this morning to rescue four African spurred tortoises all weighing between 40 and 130 pounds as well as three mastiffs on a property in north Harris County near the 21000 block of Glenwillow Drive. The Harris County Sheriff's Office apprehended a suspect who had barricaded himself inside the home overnight and requested the Houston SPCA's assistance with the animals. All the tortoises were found burrowed in various areas around the backyard that was filled with garbage, overgrown bushes and debris. Animal cruelty investigators were able to navigate their way into the home to find the dogs living in deplorable conditions including one in heat distress. All the animals were taken to the Houston SPCA where they were immediately seen by veterinarians for individualized treatment.

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