

## **Yolo County Sheriff's Animal Services Section Investigates Possible Animal Hoarding at Residence in Woodland California**

Over the past two days, Yolo County Animal Services officers have removed 36 cats which were located inside a locked room in a residence in the 300 block of North Pioneer Avenue in Woodland.

On 9/29/14 at 0830 hours, Animal Services received a call from Yolo County Child Protective Services advising they had information about the cats being locked inside a room. Officers responded and made contact at the residence where they located the approximately 40 cats in an enclosed bedroom. It was difficult to determine an exact number of animals due to boxes of personal items being stored in the room as well. A visual inspection of a few of the cats, which willingly came to the investigating officers, gave indication that veterinary care for the animals would be required.

The cats are mostly adults and have been transported for veterinary care and evaluation by Animal Services veterinarian staff. There still remain approximately 4-5 cats on the property which were too fearful to catch and traps have been set to capture them. The case is currently under investigation for Animal Cruelty under California Penal Codes Section 597.1.

Our contact person for more information is Chief Animal Services Officer Vicky Fletcher, 530-668-5286.