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Man Sentenced to Probation in Havanese Dog Case

Richard Pilicer (DOB 11/03/49) pleaded guilty to one count of misdemeanor negligent animal cruelty and was sentenced to two years probation today in Adams County Court in connection with the confiscation of 121 Havanese dogs at his property in Watkins in July.

Pilicer also continue mental health treatment and pay \$6,003.32 in restitution for the cost of treating some of the dogs. The dogs were fed, but many of them were matted and in some cases the matting had obscured their vision.

Prosecutor Jordan Lubeck said in court that Pilicer's acts were not intentional but he had become overwhelmed by the number of animals and neglected their care. Most of the animals were adopted after they were removed from the property by Adams County Animal Control. Pilicer was permitted to keep two dogs as his pets as part of the resolution of the case.

Pilicer was initially served with 13 citations of animal cruelty.

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