

On September 4, 2026, at the request of American Humane Rescue and in coordination with the Bandera County Constable's Office, I assisted with a seizure warrant, **Case 26-JP2-00035**, for 51 reptiles and 33 poultry livestock located at 7688 Park Road 37, Lakehills, Bandera County, TX 78063. Upon arrival at the property, American Humane representatives and I walked 4 areas where these animals were housed. Area A contained 51 turtles, including tortoises, box turtles, and slider turtles. Area B was a mixed species habitat with a rabbit and chickens. Area C contained chickens, peafowls, and turkeys. Area D contained chickens.

Area A, the outdoor reptile habitat, was a large ovoid/circular structure with walls created out of cinder block. This habitat included turtles, tortoises, slider turtles, a soft-shell turtle, and a snapping turtle. The habitat floor was mostly dirt with some large and small rocks as well as pebbles. Some shade protection was provided by overhead trees. There was a covered area where shade could be provided though there was not enough room to fit all the turtles. Some of the turtles took shelter inside of cinder blocks, several of which were scattered across the habitat. There were multiple empty bowls. Several turtles were swimming in a small concrete pond-like structure that had water. The water was dark green with algae and fecal material. Unless they were near the surface, it was difficult to see the turtles inside of the pond. There was no filtration. This was the only water source for all the turtles in the habitat. There was no evidence of food in the habitat.

Area B was an enclosed habitat with a rabbit and three chickens. The floor was mostly dirt with some scattered grass patches. The floor was crowded with enrichment structures and multiple food bowls. Most of the bowls were empty. A couple of bowls had pelleted food that appeared spoiled with water and fecal material. It was difficult to tell what species the food was for. A few bowls had a thin layer of bird seed with cracked corn. A manual water feeder, presumably for the rabbit, was filled with dark green-black water. One water bowl was half full of dark, dirty water. The carcass of a parrot was found on the ground near one corner of the habitat. A bird skull and part of the wing feathers from another parrot were found near the first carcass.

Area C had white pigeons, chickens, turkeys of various ages, and peafowl. The floor was a dirt base with no grass. There was a shade structure in the habitat that would not fit all individuals. There was no evidence of food or water in this habitat. Chickens and turkeys ideally would not live together due to a parasite carried by chickens and known to cause illness in turkeys. We were unable to catch the 2 pigeons and 2 pea hens for evaluation.

Area D contained chickens. There were shade structures, however, the shaded areas were too small to fit all the chickens. There was a large outdoor area in the habitat. Both the indoor and outdoor areas had a dirt floor base. There was no evidence of food and water in this area.

During the initial inspection of the property, multiple empty bags of bird feed were found inside or outside the habitats. After completing the walk through of the housing areas, the reptiles and birds were loaded and transported off-site for a medical evaluation. Summaries of the physical examinations and recommendations for treatment and testing were as follows:

AMERICAN HUMANE SOCIETY

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CASE #: 26-JP2-00035

ANIMAL NAME/#: 21

SPECIES/BREED/GENDER: Snapping Turtle UK gender

DATE/TIME: 09/04/2026 3:08pm

LOCATION: 7688 Park Road 37 Lakehills TX 78063

PHOTOS/VIDEOS BY: Dr. T. Hadley

MISC: pale mucous membranes, severe muscle wasting along caudal plastron & bilateral hindlimbs; BCS 2/9, severe algae on carapace

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SE #: 2018-00035

ANIMAL NAME/ID: 21

SPECIES/BREED/GENDER: Shaggy Tuffie UK gator

DATE/TIME: 09/04/2026 3:08pm

LOCATION: 11000 Park Road 37 Larchville TX 78045

PHOTOS/VIDEOS BY: Dr. T. Hooley

MISC: Red mucus membrane, gut is purple, vomiting alling outside placidant

misc: internal wound, blood, feces, all, animal all good, clean good



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CASE #: 21-SP2-00035

ANIMAL NAME/ID: 21

SPECIES/BREED/GENDER: Snapping Turtle UK gender

DATE/TIME: 09/04/2026 3:08pm

LOCATION: 7688 Park Road 37 Lakehills TX 78063

PHOTOS/VIDEOS BY: Dr. T. Hadley

MISC: pale mucous membranes, severe muscle wasting along caudal plastron & lateral humeral ridge, Bcs 3/4, severe allergic dermatitis



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**AMERICAN HUMANE
SOCIETY** RESCUE. CARE. PROTECT.

#: 216-582-0035

AL NAME/#: 21

CIES/BREED/GENDER: Snapping Turtle UK gender

TE/TIME: 09/04/2026 3:08pm

LOCATION: 7688 Park Road 37 Lakehills TX 78063

PHOTOS/VIDEOS BY: Dr. T. Hadley

muscular membranes, severe muscle wasting along caudal plastron & lateral/ventral limbs, BCS 3/4, severe allergic response



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AMERICAN HUMANE SOCIETY RESCUE CARE PROTECT

2025-000355
NAME/ID: 71 UK gender
S/BREED/GENDER: Snapping Turtle
E/TIME: 09/04/2026 3:08pm
LOCATION: Three Park Road 37 Laurens TN 38043
PHOTOS/VIDEOS BY: Dr. T. Hooley
In various environments, severe muscle wasting along caudal, posterior
lateral, ventral, and dorsal surfaces of the body.



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State's Exhibit 21e

**AMERICAN HUMANE
SOCIETY** RESCUE CARE PROTECT

E #: 21-SP2-00035

ANIMAL NAME/ID: 21

SPECIES/BREED/GENDER: Snapping Turtle UK gender

DATE/TIME: 09/04/2026 3:08pm

LOCATION: 11688 Rock Road 31 Lakehills TX 78063

PHOTOS/VIDEOS BY: Dr. T. Hickey

in the grass, mud, water, mud, using all available plastic and
internal banding, all signs of life, all signs of life



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Animal ID: **21**, snapping turtle, age/sex unknown
Mentation: Bright, Alert, and Responsive (BAR)
Body Condition Score (BCS): 2/9, on Henneke body condition scoring system with 5/9 being ideal, 1/9 being emaciated, and 9/9 being obese
Heart Rate: NA (Not Accessible)
Respiration: Within Normal Limits (WNL)
Mucous Membranes: pale pink
Gastrointestinal: WNL
Oral Cavity: WNL
Musculoskeletal: severe muscle wasting along caudal plastron and bilateral hindlimbs
Skin: severe algae on carapace
Ears: WNL
Eyes: WNL
Nares (nostrils): WNL

Treatment & Testing Recommendations:

Clean water environment always
Appropriate diet (variety of prey of appropriate quality and quantity)
Blood work (complete blood count & chemistry panel)
Whole body radiographs (x-rays)
Ultrasound coelomic cavity
Fecal ova and parasites screening test