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## **News Release**

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On Thursday August 22, 2013, Deputies from the Community Oriented Services Bureau (COPS), Zone 1, Antelope Valley Team, conducted a search warrant service at 34230 90th Street East, Juniper Hills, regarding an alleged cockfighting operation. The COPS Team was assisted by Los Angeles County Animal Control, Los Angeles County Fire Department and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (A.S.P.C.A.)

Animal Control officers found 279 birds at the location. The birds were examined and 239 were found to have their combs and waddles removed and they also had their rear feathers removed for cooling the birds. This is only done to birds that are used for fighting. The remaining 40 birds were hens, which were used for breeding. Animal Control seized all 279 birds.

Additional evidence seized as a result of the search warrant included a 20 gauge shotgun, shotgun ammunition, fighting gaffs (Razor blades), training gaffs and medicines used to treat the fighting roosters.

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