March 7, 2014: Wapakoneta, OHI - Law enforcement officials discovered a case of alleged animal neglect and abandonment at a Wapakoneta residence on Wednesday.

Wapakoneta Police Lieutenant Calvin Schneider said an officer responded to 706 Park St. after receiving a call about an open door at the residence. On arrival, the officer went into the residence and found two animals, a deceased dog and another dog who appeared aggressive.

"The dog that was alive was growling at him, so he backed out and called me," Schneider said. "When I found there was a dog deceased, I called the dog warden ... We called him to help us out. We wanted to get that dog out of there to check for intruders."

Schneider said the living dog was transported to the Auglaize County Humane Society. Auglaize County Emergency Management Director Troy Anderson was called to enter the residence wearing a hazmat suit because of the conditions in the residence.

In a news release, Wapakoneta Police Chief Russ Hunlock said a 53-year-old woman is considered to be a person of interest in the case — which remains under investigation.

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