

Kelly, an MSPCA law enforcement agent who went to the home Jan. 14.

“The owner conceded the situation had gotten out of control and that she needed help. We assured her that we would do everything possible to address the dogs’ health problems so that they might find more suitable homes,” Kelly said.

MSPCA officials said they euthanized one of the dogs because it was “extremely aggressive and unable to be placed for adoption.” Four other dogs were returned to the woman because they were “particularly bonded” with her.

“We’re confident she can care for them without the burden of so many other dogs in the home,” Kelly said.

The 13 other dogs are receiving medical treatment and socialization training at the MSPCA’s adoption center in Jamaica Plain. The MSPCA is seeking experienced dog owners, preferably people who have cared for Shar-Pei before, to find homes for the dogs. Those interested in adopting can e-mail adoption@mspca.org.

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