

## Animal Rights Group Releases Videos of Alleged Abuse at Southwest Florida Slaughterhouses

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A South Florida animal rights group released videos of their latest investigation Thursday, claiming abuse from several different slaughterhouses in Southwest Florida – and saying several Miami residents are taking advantage of it by helping to provide animals to the farms.

Miami Beach based Animal Recovery Mission said it conducted undercover investigations of four slaughterhouses in Lee County since 2015. Officials from the group say the farms – Rancho Las Delicias, Rancho Santa Barbara, Rancho Anthony & Roman and Rancho Cabrera – committed acts of animal cruelty. Some of those acts the group says they caught on video include selling horse meat for human consumption, depriving dogs of water and food and said sick or dead animals were kept in the same area as live ones.

ARM claims owners and workers at slaughterhouses as far as Miami have traveled to the area in an effort to get past rules regarding illegal slaughterhouses that exist in their counties.

The group says they turned over their findings to the Lee County Sheriff's Office and State Attorney.

An press conference was scheduled in Fort Myers where ARM is expected to release further details of their investigation.

NBC6.com reached out to the businesses for comment, but were not able to speak with anyone.

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