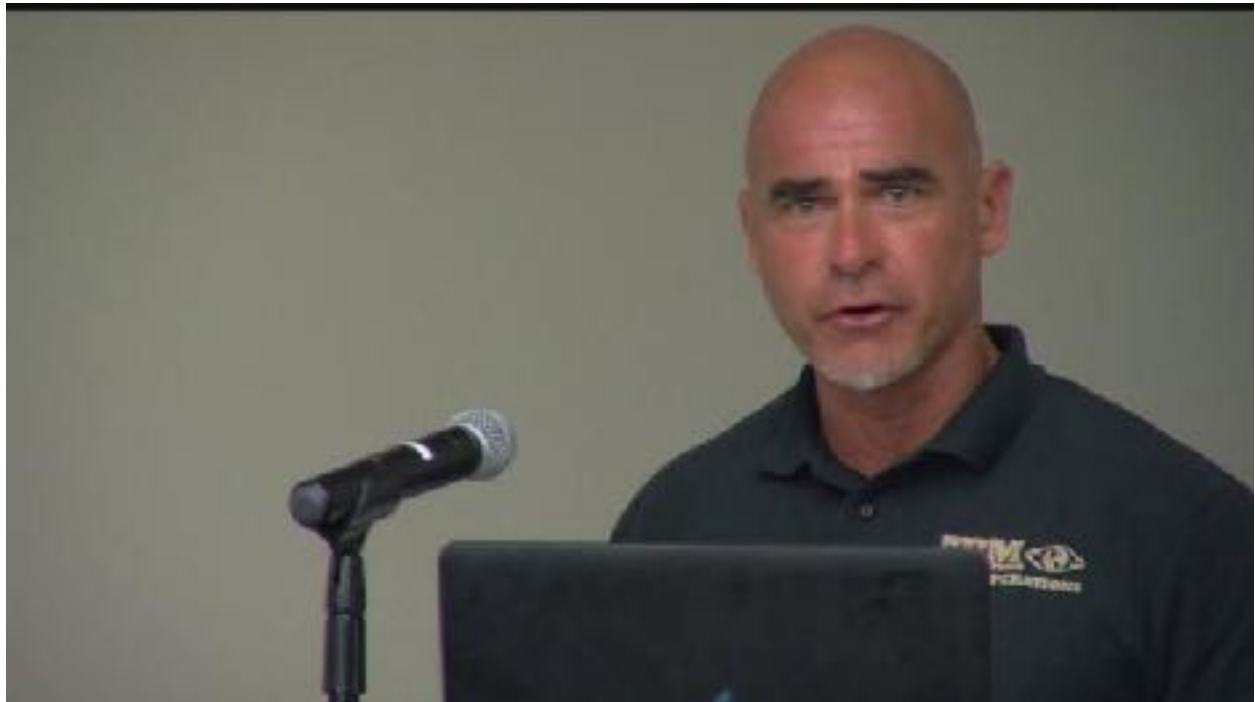




# Animal rights group says video should stand in animal abuse case

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LEE COUNTY, Fla. -

The Animal Recovery Mission continues to push for prosecution on four Lee County farms.

Thursday the group held a news conference explaining how they obtained this video from four farms in Lee County.

They claim the farms are abusing animals, selling horse meat, and during their investigation also found other animals eating blood coming from other pens.

READ: [Protesters rally against Lee County farms accused of animal abuse](#)

The State Attorneys office says they wont prosecute because the video was obtained illegally.

Under Florida Law, it has a two-party consent to record audio. The Attorney's office says the techniques ARM used to capture the video makes the video inadmissible as evidence in court.

"There is no expectation of privacy under state law; we can collect audio in this case legally. We have done it over and over again," said ARM Founder, Richard Couto.

The group says they will continue to push for those farms to be shut down.