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**Leona Valley Stable Owner Charged
With Abusing Horses**

A 34-year-old woman has been charged with multiple counts of animal cruelty in connection with the starvation of several horses in Leona Valley, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Daniel Rochmes said Aron Emily Jacques (dob 10/2/80) of Santa Clarita faces four felony counts of cruelty to an animal and five misdemeanor counts of failure to care for an animal.

Arraignment is scheduled Oct. 15 in Department A01 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Case MA063344 was filed for warrant on June 25.

The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control discovered horses starving on the defendant's property in February, the prosecutor said. Each of the nine counts pertain to a different horse.

Two of the horses died and two had to be euthanized as a result of the defendant's negligent care, the prosecutor added.

If convicted of all charges, she faces a maximum possible sentence of seven years and six months in prison to be served in local custody.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control.

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