Wilson County's New Leash on Life is helping house 60 dogs that were rescued from a property in Ashland City.

The dogs, which were mostly pit bull terriers and beagles, looked to be bred and trained to fight based on items found at the site such as a treadmill, fighting pen and a spring pole used to strengthen dogs jaws.

Many of the dogs were in need of medical attention.

Fire departments in Pleasant View and Ashland City responded to a brush fire Thanksgiving evening and discovered the dogs.

The Animal Rescue Corps was called in by Tennessee authorities to take care of the dogs.

Trained volunteers got the dogs, and took them to New Leash on Life.

ARC volunteers are attending to their daily care and medical needs until they are assessed for placement and transferred to shelter and rescue partners around the country.

ARC President Scotlund Haisley said this was one of the worst dog fighting operations he has ever seen. Haisley has been a part of 15-20 rescues during his career.