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Several properties in Lanarkshire were searched under warrants yesterday (2 April) by the Scottish SPCA and Strathclyde Police as part of Operation Meles, the UK-wide investigation into badger baiting.

A number of seriously injured dogs were recovered and removed for further examination.

Enquiries are on-going and a report will be submitted by the Scottish SPCA to the procurator fiscal.

This investigation was the culmination of lengthy enquiries into allegations of organised badger baiting and animal fighting. Similar raids have been conducted during a co-ordinated plan throughout Northern Ireland, England and Wales.

Badger baiting continues to be a clandestine activity which is extremely difficult to detect and bring perpetrators forward for prosecution. Cruelty and suffering in the so-called 'blood sport' often results in horrendous injuries to both badgers and dogs.

Anyone with information relating to such activities is urged to call our Animal Helpline on 03000 999 999. Calls are treated in the strictest confidence and information can be given anonymously.