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Fire investigators search Friday for clues to the cause of the fire that killed eight horses at a Vivian Road farm Thursday.

Dogs saved, horses lost

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they're also kept inside for their own security. It would be a common practice. The man tried to save them but the fire was well on its way. It was just too far gone. He couldn't get a door open. It was that hot. Our first crew on the scene also tried to get to the horses, but they couldn't make it either. It was impossible. It's a sad situation."

With no available water in the area, the fire departments dispatched five tanker and pumper fire trucks and ran shuttles to the fire. As well, 20 firefighters from the Central York Fire Services, made up of Aurora and Newmarket fire brigades backed up by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Department, worked through the night to battle the blaze.

The fire destroyed a workshop, an office and a barn containing four stables. The cause and estimate of damage remain unknown.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Deputy Fire Chief Tim Beckett said fighting a blaze that claims the life of people's pets carries a special sadness. "The lady is devastated. It's difficult," he said.

No horses are left on the Athena Farm. "They've all died," said Ms Dunn. "The firefighters were able to get my two dogs out. I'm thankful for that."

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