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Veterinarian Steve Meyer (bottom right) and David Stevens sit Tuesday by a colt rescued from frigid temperatures on Saturday near South Range, Wis.

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there to explain the situation.

A veterinarian who visited Windchill on Sunday gave him a 1 percent chance of survival, Tucker said, but as of Tuesday evening the horse was still hanging on.

"He's got these bright, sparkly eyes, but his body's giving out," Tucker said. "It's really difficult seeing this."

Veterinarian Steve Meyer visited Rain Dance Farms Tuesday afternoon to check up on Windchill and gave him a grim prognosis. He had frostbite in his front legs that has made circulation there so weak Meyer couldn't get a pulse. He was emaciated, a situation Meyer said probably happened because older, bigger horses he was boarding with probably took his food.

use its front legs," he said.

That prospect left Cathi Davis, who works on Rain Dance Farms, "pretty crushed." Davis, like a handful of neighbors, has been with Windchill nearly 'round the clock, comforting him, making sure hay is within reach and switching out blankets dampened with condensation for clean, warm ones.

"We didn't think he'd make it through the weekend," she said. "We didn't think he'd make it through yesterday."

Deputy Richard Schnell of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office said the case was still under investigation. He said he was unsure if charges would be filed against the horse owner or the boarder for animal neglect.

Theresa Farmer could not be reached for comment Tuesday evening.