

Volusia County Animal Services Case Report



Case # 20160830-0003

Opened: Aug 30 2016 11:46AM Officer Arrived: Pending

Officer Closed: Pending

Officer(s) Assigned: Alicia Dease, Kristina Black, Toni Moriarty

Complainant(s)

PERSON UNKNOWN DILLON CIR NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FL 32168

Defendant(s)

TINA RICHARDSON (386) 402.8448 1016 DILLON CIR NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FL 32168

Animal(s)

HARLEY - N CUR TAN/BLK Dog NO TAGS

CHESTER - N DACHS X FAWN Dog NO TAGS

LUCY - S CATAHOULA TAN Dog NO TAGS

GRAYSON - N DSH GREY Cat NO TAGS

MAXIMUS - N CATAHOULA TAN/BRINDLE Dog NO TAGS ONYX - N CATAHOULA BLUE MERLE Dog NO TAGS

NATALIE - S CATAHOULA LEP BLU MERLE Dog NO TAGS

GINGER - S CATAHOULA TAN/BLK Dog NO TAGS

NIEGL - N CUR TAN Dog NO TAGS

Complaint(s)

Complaints Summary: Assess Situation, Cruelty

Aug 30 2016 11:48AM: COMPLAINANT ADVISED 7 DOGS, 28 CATS, 12 WILD HOGS IN ADDITION TO MINI HORSES, MINI DONKEYS, GOATS, TURKEYS, DUCKS AND CHICKENS TOTALING 400 ANIMALS. DEFENDANT IS BEING EVICTED DUE TO THE DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS.

Disposition

Aug 30 2016 2:52PM [604 adease] WENT TO DEFENDANT'S WITH 602(FERGUSON) EXPLAINED THE COMPLAINT AND REQUESTED ACCESS TO VERIFY HEALTH, AND CONDITIONS OF ANIMALS ON HER PROPERTY. DEFENDANT ALLOWED THIS OFFICER AND 602 INSIDE WHERE 7 DOGS WERE OBSERVED AND VERIFIED IN GOOD HEALTH. 2 OF DOGS ARE TETHERED WITH DOG HOUSES PROVIDED AND 5 DOGS THAT HAVE FREE ROAM OF THE PROPERTY THAT STAY INSIDE OF HER HOME WITH HER. 7-8 CATS INSIDE OF THE HOME ALL APPEAR IN GOOD HEALTH 3 LITTER BOXES FULL OF FECES ADVISED DEFENDANT THAT THE CAT BOXES ARE REQUIRED TO BE CLEANED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THIS OFFICERS VISIT.

ALSO WAS GIVEN A TOUR OF HER ENTIRE PROPERTY WHERE NUMEROUS PIGS, THAT OF ALL SIZES WITHIN ONE PIG PEN AND ONE SMALL MICRO POT BELLY PIG RUNNING WITH THE DOGS. A LARGE NUMBER OF CHICKENS IN COOPS ALSO OTHERS SCATTERED THROUGH OUT THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF THE HOME IN SEPARATE PENS ALL FOUND WITHOUT WATER, LARGE AMOUNT OF DUCKS WITHIN THE SAME AREA WITH NO WATER, 2 OPOSSUMS IN SEPARATE CAGES WITHOUT WATER. A LARGE PEN WHERE SHE HAS HER 13

YEAR OLD PET RACCOON WHO SHE STATES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE MOVED. AND A PEN FULL OF PIGEONS ALL OF WHICH APPEAR IN GOOD HEALTH FROM THIS OFFICERS VIEW. DONKEY APPEARING IN GOOD HEALTH ONE MINI HORSE WHO APPEARS POOR WITH RIBS APPARENT AS WELL AS HER MINI COLT ALSO WITH RIBS APPARENT.

ADVISED DEFENDANT THAT ANIMAL CONTROL ENFORCES THE DOGS AND CATS AND CAN SOMETIMES GET INVOLVED WITH THE CHICKENS AND DUCKS EXPLAINED THAT THE REMAINING OF THE ANIMALS HEALTH WOULD BE REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED BY FLORIDA FISH AND WILD LIFE AND VOLUSIA COUNTY RANGE UNIT.

DEFENDANT STATES THAT THE ONLY REASON THAT HER CHICKENS AND DUCKS DO NOT HAVE WATER RIGHT NOW IS BECAUSE SHE HAS BEEN DISTRACTED WITH FINDING OUT THAT SHE IS BEING EVICTED AND THEN THE RAIN CAME SO SHE DID NOT GET OUT TO WATER THEM THIS MORNING SHE ADVISED THAT SHE HAS TO WATER THEM 2 TIMES A DAY. THIS OFFICER ADVISED THAT SHE HAS 24 HOURS TO PROVIDE THEM CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN THE LITTER BOXES INSIDE OF THE HOME. ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE DEFENDANT WORK ON WRITING A PLANNED LIST AS TO WHERE EACH OF THE ANIMALS WILL BE GOING IF SHE IS EVICTED ON TUESDAY 9/6/16 SHE ADVISED THAT SHE IS NOT SURE WHAT SHE WILL DO WITH ALL OF THE DOGS AND CATS BUT SHE BELIEVES TO HAVE A HOME THROUGH SOMEONE AT RAVENWOOD ANIMALS HOSPITAL WHO WILL BE TAKING THE LIVESTOCK.

EXPLAINED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SHE START WORKING ON THIS IMMEDIATELY TO GET THE ANIMALS PLACED IF SHE BELIEVES SHE WILL BE EVICTED IN A WEEK. DEFENDANT AGREED THAT SHE WOULD WORK ON THE LIST AS WELL AS HAVE FRESH WATER AND CAT LITTER PROVIDED TO THE ANIMALS BY 2:30 WEDNESDAY WHEN AN OFFICER WILL RETURN FOR INSPECTION.

Aug 30 2016 3:04PM [604 adease] ALSO OBSERVED A NUMBER OF GOATS ALL APPEARING IN GOOD HEALTH.

Aug 30 2016 3:10PM [604 adease] DEFENDANT EXPRESSED CONCERNS THAT IF ANIMAL CONTROL WHERE TO TAKE HER DOGS AND CATS THAT THE WOULD BE EUTHANIZED OR WOULD NOT DO WELL WITH OUT HER. ASSURED HER THAT ANIMAL CONTROL IS NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF EUTHANIZING ANIMALS AND THAT THEY WOULD ALL BE TAKEN TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY IF WE WERE TO GET INVOLVED WHERE THE LOCAL HUMANE SOCIETIES WE ARE CONTRACTED WITH MAKE EVERY EFFORT POSSIBLE TO PRESERVE ALL ANIMAL LIVES. SHE APPEARED TO BE COMFORTED TO HEAR THIS. SUGGESTED THAT SHE CONSIDER THAT EVEN IF SHE DID GET TO STAY PAST TUESDAY THAT SHE CUT DOWN ON HER NUMBER OF ANIMALS TO MAKE IT MORE MANAGEABLE FOR HER. THE DEFENDANT AGREED THAT SHE DOES NEED TO CUT DOWN ON THE ANIMALS AND THAT SOMEONE WAS EXPECTED TO COME AND PROBABLY TAKE ALL OF HER CHICKENS ON SATURDAY. AGREED THAT WAS A GOOD START BUT SHE SHOULD CONSIDER MORE BEFORE HER ANIMALS BECAME MORE THAN SHE COULD MAINTAIN.

Aug 31 2016 3:18PM [604 adease] THIS OFFICER AND 606(BLACK) ON SCENE, MET WITH VOLUSIA COUNTY DEPUTY HANSARD AND FLORIDA FISH AND WILD LIFE INSPECTOR WILKENSON. DEPUTY HANSARD ADVISED THAT THERE IS NOT CHANGE AND HE HAS CONCERNS THAT THE CONDITIONS WILL REMAIN THE SAME ON TUESDAY WHEN THE DEFENDANT IS REQUIRED TO BE OUT. MET WITH DEFENDANT OBSERVED THE SAME NUMBER OF ANIMALS. WATER WAS PROVIDED AS REQUESTED AND THE CAT LITTER BOXES LOCATED INSIDE OF THE HOME NOW HAVE FRESH LITTER WITH LITTLE TO NO FECES. DEFENDANT ALLOWED ANOTHER TOUR OF HER PROPERTY WHERE 606(BLACK) WAS ABLE TO GET A HEAD COUNT ON ANIMALS WHILE THIS OFFICER SPOKE WITH THE

DEFENDANT. DEFENDANT DID NOT HAVE A LIST TO PROVIDE BUT STATES THAT THE CATS WILL BE GOING TO A CAT RESCUE IN OAKHILL AND HER DOGS WILL BE GOING WITH HER AND THE CHICKENS SHE IS STILL PLANNING ON SELLING THIS SATURDAY.

Aug 31 2016 3:19PM [604 adease] SHERIFF DEPARTMENT STATES THAT THEY WILL BE ON SCENE ON TUESDAY 9/6/16 AT 10 AM, THIS OFFICER REQUESTED THAT THE DEFENDANT NOTIFY ANIMAL CONTROL PRIOR TO 10 AM TUESDAY IF SHE HAS NOT FOUND HOMES FOR THE ANIMALS, THE DEFENDANT ASSURED THAT SHE WILL HAVE THIS TAKEN CARE OF BY TUESDAY. TURN CASE OVER TO 606(BLACK)

Aug 31 2016 3:20PM [606 kblack] THIS OFFICER AND 604 (DEASE) MET WITH VOLUSIA COUNTY DEPUTY HANSARD AND FLORIDA FISH AND WILD LIFE INSPECTOR WILKENSON AT DEFENDANT'S RESIDENCE. BOTH HAD CONCERNS TO NO CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS OR CONDITIONS OF THE ANIMALS WHEN THE EVICTION TAKES PLACE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016. INVESTIGATOR WILKINSON STATED HE ADVISED DEFENDANT TO RELEASE THE OPOSSUMS DUE TO BEING YOUNG AND NOT IN CAPTIVITY LONG. ALSO THAT THE RACCOON NEEDED TO BE EVALUATED BY A VETERINARIAN AND EITHER EUTHANIZED OR PLACED ON A LICENSED WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER. DEPUTY HANSARD STATED HE WILL BE PRESENT ON TUESDAY FOR THE EVICTION.

Aug 31 2016 3:50PM [606 kblack] DEFENDANT SHOWED THIS OFFICER AND 604 (DEASE) THE PROPERTY AND ANIMALS ON SCENE. DEFENDANT SHOWED INSIDE THE HOUSE WHERE MULTIPLE CATS WERE OBSERVED SCATTERING TO HIDE, UNABLE TO GET A HEAD COUNT BUT DEFENDANT STATED THERE WERE 8-10 CATS INSIDE. SHE SHOWED THE LITTER BOXES PROVIDED, ALL 3 WERE FRESHLY LITTERED WITH LITTLE TO NO FECES IN BOXES. OUTSIDE THERE WERE VARIOUS CATS, DEFENDANT STATED APPROXIMATELY 20-25 THAT SHE FEEDS AND CARES FOR OUTSIDE. DEFENDANT WALKED THESE OFFICERS THROUGH THE PROPERTY WITH VARIOUS COLORED, AGES, SIZE AND BREEDS OF POULTRY WERE OBSERVED IN SEVERAL CASES. A TOTAL OF 112 CHICKENS WERE OBSERVED, CAGES CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT IN EACH CAGE; 15, 4, 2, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 12, 7, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 13, 2, 5, 2, 2, 3, 2, 2, 10, 1, AND 8. THERE WERE TWO CAGES WHICH HAD A TOTAL OF 3 TURKEYS. ONE CAGE CONSISTING OF 11 PIGEONS, 4 CAGES CONSISTING OF 27 DUCKS OF VARIOUS AGES, SIZES, BREEDS AND COLORS. THERE WERE 2 YOUNG ADULT OPOSSUMS, 1 SENIOR RACCOON IN 3 DIFFERENT CAGES. THERE IS ALSO A DONKEY, 3 MINIATURE HORSES, ONE WHICH HAS A MULE FOAL BY HER SIDE AND IS THIN. THERE IS 10 GOATS VIEWED IN A PASTURE ALTHOUGH DEFENDANT STATED THERE WERE 11. THERE WERE 2 POTBELLY TYPE DOGS IN WITH THE DONKEY, ONE IN WITH THE GOATS AND 2 RUNNING THE FRONT PROPERTY. ALL ANIMALS APPEARED O.K. IN CONDITIONS. ALL ANIMALS ARE IN ADEQUATE SIZE PENS EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE FILTHY. ALL ANIMALS HAD CLEAN WATER. DOGS WERE LOCKED IN THE FEED HOUSE SO OFFICER'S WERE UNABLE TO VIEW THEM AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH THE TWO DOGS TETHERED APPEAR HEALTHY AND THE SMALL DOG THAT FOLLOWED AROUND.

AS THESE OFFICERS SPOKE WITH DEFENDANT, SHE STATED SHE HAD A PLAN OF ACTION AND WILL HAVE ALL ANIMALS REMOVED PRIOR TO TUESDAY'S EVECTION. DEFENDANT DID NOT HAVE A LIST TO PROVIDE BUT STATES THAT THE CATS WILL BE GOING TO A CAT RESCUE IN OAKHILL.

Aug 31 2016 3:54PM [606 kblack] CORRECTION* THERE WERE 2 POTBELLY TYPE *PIGS IN WITH THE DONKEY, ONE IN WITH THE GOATS AND 2 RUNNING THE FRONT PROPERTY.

Aug 31 2016 3:56PM [606 kblack] A TOTAL ESTIMATE OF 219 ANIMALS ON THE PROPERTY.

Sep 1 2016 3:11PM [604 adease] MULTIPLE CALLS RECEIVED FOR ASSITANCE WITH LIVESTOCK MINIMAL OFFERS FOR ASSISTANCE WITH DOGS AND CATS. SPOKE WITH FLORIDA ADVENTURES IN PARADISE, ERIC OBLOY, 321-591-4336 HE STATES THAT HE HAS MADE ARRANGMENTS WITH THE DEFENDANT TO TAKE ALL ANIMALS EXCEPT THE CATS AND DOGS. CALLED DEFENDANT VERIFIED THIS INFORMATION TO BE ACCURATE. DEFENDANT ADVISED THAT ERIC WOULD BE TAKING ALL OF HER LIVESTOCK INCLUDING HER BIRDS. FOLLOWED UP WITH ERIC AT APROXIMATELY 2:30PM WHO STATES THAT HE IS APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES OUT WITH MULTIPLE TRAILERS TO LOAD AND TRANSPORT THE LIVESTOCK AS WELL AS HAVIG PENS CURRENTLY BEING BUILT AT HIS FACILITY FOR HOLDING AS HE DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH PENS FOR THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS. ERIC STATES THAT HE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH THIS OFFICER TO ADVISE OF HIS COMPLETION OF REMOVAL AND WILL GIVE THIS OFFICER A TOTAL COUNT AS WELL AS SPECIE TYPE THAT HE HAS REMOVED.

Sep 6 2016 11:16AM [606 kblack] MET WITH VOLUSIA COUNTY DEPUTY HANSARD AND FLORIDA FISH AND WILD LIFE INSPECTOR WILKENSON AT DEFENDANT'S RESIDENCE. THEY BOTH STATED THERE WERE NO ANIMALS CURRENTLY AT THE RESIDENCE. DEPUTY HANSARD ALSO STATED HE CALLED VOLUSIA COUNTY ANIMALS SERVICES ON FRIDAY AND THIS MORNING TO ADVISED THE EVICTION HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE TO ALLOW THE DEFENDANT TIME TO REMOVE HER MANY BELONGINGS. HE STATED IF AND WHEN THEY DO THE EVICTION, IF THERE ARE ANIMALS PRESENT HE WILL CONTACT VOLUSIA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES.

MET WITH 603(MORIARTY) AND DEFENDANT. DEFENDANT GAVE THESE OFFICERS A TOUR OF THE PROPERTY, INSIDE THE HOUSE AND EVERY AREA THAT HAD CONTAINED AN ANIMAL PREVIOUSLY AS WELL AS OTHER AREAS. NO ANIMALS WERE VIEWED ON THE PROPERTY AT THIS TIME, ALL PENS WERE EMPTY AS WELL AS THE HOUSE. THE DEFENDANT STATED SHE HAD A LIST OF WHERE ALL THE ANIMALS HAD BEEN TAKEN AND SHE HAD THEM SIGN A FORM ALLOWING HER TO HAVE THEM BACK. SHE STATED HER PAPERWORK WAS PACKED AWAY BUT SHE WOULD PROVIDE VOLUSIA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES WITH A LIST OF WHERE THE ANIMALS WENT. THIS OFFICER STRONGLY ADVISED SHE NOT HAVE ANY ANIMALS UNTIL SHE HAS EVERYTHING IN ORDER AND SHE IS CAPABLE TO HAVE TIME FOR PROPER CARE. ADVISED IF SHE OBTAINS OWNERSHIP OF ANY ANIMAL IN THE FUTURE, TO HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE AT ALL TIMES INCASE OF DISASTER OR INCIDENT WHERE SHE NEEDS TO RELOCATE.

CURRENTLY THERE ARE NO ANIMALS PRESENT ON THE PROPERTY AS ALL HAVE BEEN RELOCATED.