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Otsego County Sheriff
Cooperstown, NY

Case #23-4333

08/02/2023 11:23

Event

AM - AGRICULTURE & MARKETS
ANIM7 - ANIMAL DOG COMPLAINT
Descriptor: ANIMAL COMPLAINT

Location

143 Barringer Rd, CHERRY VALLEY, NY, ☐

Beat: 2

Occurred From: 08/02/2023 11:23 To: 08/02/2023 11:23

Reported: 08/02/2023 11:23

Status: CASE CLOSED

Disposition: CLOSED ADMIN

Case Officer: 0835-JSMITH

Case Supervisor: 0729-MSTALTER

Conditions

Source: SHERIFF

Condition: RECENT

Persons

OTHER ASSOCIATE

Name: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SUSPECT, OWNER, INTERVIEWED

Name: KELLER, ELIZABETH V.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

EMPLOYEE, INTERVIEWED

Name: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

COMPLAINANT

Name: [REDACTED]
Address: , NY, ☐
[REDACTED]

EMPLOYEE, INTERVIEWED

Name: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

OWNER

Name: KELLER, LIZ

Address: , NY, ☐
[REDACTED]

EMPLOYEE, INTERVIEWED

Name: [REDACTED]

Profiles

Number of Tickets: 0

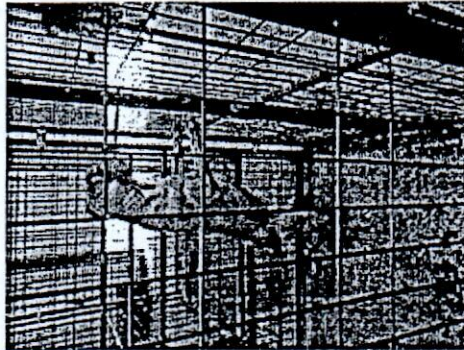
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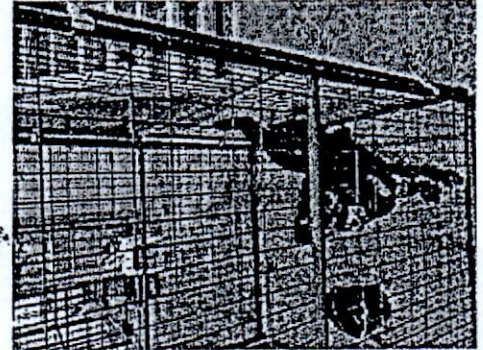
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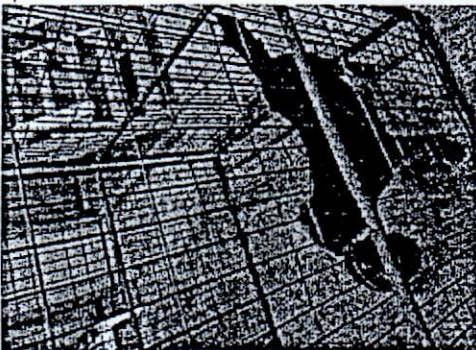
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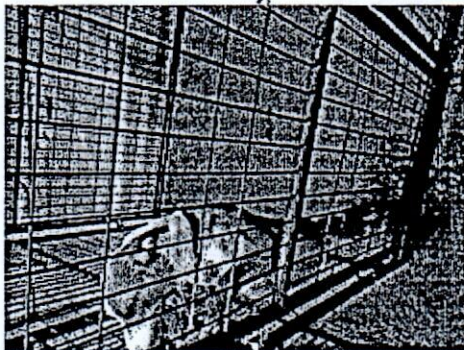
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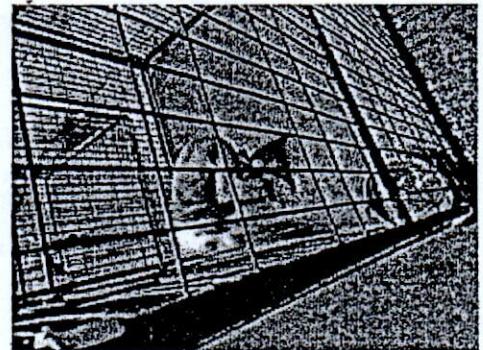
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Narratives

Badge/Name: 0729/MSTALTER

8/2/2023 11:23 AM

Sheriff DEVLIN forwarded a animal complaint received via E Mail from [REDACTED] E Mail posted below.

Hello Sheriff Devlin,

We have reason to believe animals at 431 Barringer Road are in need and may be suffering.

It is supposed to be a dog rescue/shelter called Rescue Dogs Rescue Soldiers, as well as a private dog boarding facility but I understand the woman who runs has recently been [REDACTED]. She was not running the facility well before she was [REDACTED] and based on information we have received from recent callers expressing concerns, I feel a visit to her facility is warranted.

Would it be possible for a Deputy to go out and do a well check? I would be grateful to tag along. I am afraid of what we might find.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Member is familiar with dog boarding facility Barringer Rd owned by [REDACTED] Barringer Rd. Member contacted [REDACTED] who advised that the [REDACTED] sold the dog boarding facility to a subject known as Liz KELLER. This Office had contact with Liz KELLER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PERSON: (COMPLAINANT) (FMLS) LIZ KELLER

[REDACTED] provided information that Liz KELLER calls the Barringer Rd facility Alysia's Dog House. Liz KELLER houses dogs at that Facility as well as the Water Works (Barringer Rd). This Water Works location can be accessed US 20 to Barringer Rd then take the RR tracks towards the Water Works fresh spring. It is reported that at this location a male subject (unknown name) who works for Liz KELLER resides in a camper trailer or shed facility. It is further reported that grey water and raw sewage is being dumped on the ground from this residence. [REDACTED] states that animals being housed at these locations are reported to be in poor condition. Member contacted ENCON Officer [REDACTED] as raw sewage being dumped may be a ENCON violation.

Deputy SMITH has been assigned this complaint and will respond with ENCON Officers regarding dumping complaint. Case Pending.

Badge/Name: 0835/JSMITH

8/2/2023 5:22 PM

Member was assigned this complaint by Sgt. STALTER. Member responded out to 431 Barringer Rd in the Town of Cherry Valley (the old water works). Member and DEC Officer responded to the location and made contact with employees [REDACTED]. Member informed both employees of the dog complaint and then econ complaint. DEC found that there was no illegal dumping happening. Member then requested to see the dogs at the location and [REDACTED] denied stating he needed to talk with his boss (Elizabeth KELLER). [REDACTED] then contacted KELLER who stated that she did not want to let member into the location till she was on scene and she was a half hour away. As members waited member observed [REDACTED] carry into the barn location one 5 gallon jug of water from the spring at the location and then two water buckets.

KELLER then arrived on scene with another employee named [REDACTED]. KELLER informed member that she had [REDACTED]. Member observed that KELLER did have [REDACTED]. KELLER then allowed members into the barn and member was overwhelmed by the smell of ammonia/cleaner/urine to the point where member had to exit the building. Member then reentered and look at the dogs and secured pictures of the 10 dogs at the location. Only one dog appeared to be under weight and KELLER stated that she just got the dog approximately two weeks ago. Member then questioned KELLER about her property at 1414 Co Hwy 50 in the Town of Cherry Valley. KELLER advised that she has dogs, cats, donkeys and horses at the location. Member then requested to the see that location and at first KELLER stated she did not want to give member access today stating member in a day or two. KELLER then agreed to give members access.

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Member and DEC then responded with KELLER and [REDACTED] to the Co Hwy 50 address. Member then informed KELLER that the employee that was maintaining the location just up an quit two weeks without noticed so the location is not up to his standers. Member then observed multiple dogs outside in their own shelters. Member then observed two cats that appeared to be healthy and then two horses that also appeared to be healthy. Member then responded to the pole barn located behind the old milking barn. [REDACTED] then unlocked the door for member and upon entering the barn member observed multiple dogs inside there. Three dogs in the middle of the barn were living in really poor conditions as housing area was covered in feces. The dogs appeared to be healthy besides their housing conditions. Member then responded to the milk barn when member found 3 donkeys. Next to one donkey member observed one gray dog to have extremely long nails. Member then entered the other half to the milk barn and located multiple dogs. Member observed what appeared to be feces in garbage bags next to the dogs cages. Member also observed that the dogs living areas needed to be cleared. Member found the dogs to appear to be healthy besides for their living conditions. Member then secured pictures of some of the dogs. Member counted 54 Dogs, 2 horses, 3 donkeys and cats at the Co Hwy 50 address. Member told KELLER and [REDACTED] that the living conditions need to improve and that someone from this Office will follow up tomorrow as member is off. Member then informed KELLER that she may face criminal charges due to the dogs living conditions. Sgt. STALTER was advised of member's findings.

Member then responded with KELLER and [REDACTED] to the dog boarding location at 469 Barringer Rd. Member found the dogs at the location appeared to be healthy and cared for but some dogs were stacked ontop of each other in crates. Member again informed KELLER and [REDACTED] that they needed to fix the living conditions on Co Hwy 50 and that this Office will be following up with this complaint. KELLER then told member that she would be available at the Co Hwy 50 address tomorrow around 11:00am.

Pictures of Scene secured and uploaded to the Case and the N-Drive.

[REDACTED] was advised of member's findings.

Badge/Name: 2204/ELINCOLN
8/3/2023 5:21 PM

MEMBER followed up for Deputy SMITH on this complaint. MEMBER responded to 1414 County Highway 50 in Cherry Valley with [REDACTED]. Deputy SMITH requested MEMBER to check and see if the living conditions at the location were improving. MEMBER met with Elizabeth KELLER at the location. Multiple employees were on scene as well. As MEMBER was approaching KELLER, she stated that she did not want [REDACTED] on the property as advised by her lawyer. MEMBER advised [REDACTED] of same. [REDACTED] advised KELLER that she just is offering help if needed. After a short conversation [REDACTED] left the property. KELLER took MEMBER through the whole property. It appeared the conditions had improved some since the day before, referencing Deputy SMITH's photos. KELLER stated that they are awaiting the dog's rabies vaccines, then she will be able to get the dogs licensed. KELLER states at this time, none of the dogs are licensed. MEMBER also spoke to KELLER about the one dog that Deputy SMITH stated was in a small crate. KELLER stated they would move the dog into a bigger kennel. MEMBER observed multiple employees, removing garbage and waste from the location. MEMBER also observed an employee shoveling shavings and dog feces. All dogs appear to be in good health and size. MEMBER also observed each dog had food and water, and access to plenty of food and water.

All information relayed to Deputy SMITH.

Badge/Name: 0835/JSMITH
8/10/2023 5:01 PM

Member responded unannounced to 1414 Co Hwy 50 for a follow up and member was met with negative contact. Did observed one dog at the location which appeared healthy and member could hear the other dogs on scene. Member then attempted phone contact with KEELER and member was met with negative contact and member was unable to leave a message. Member then responded to the incident location and member was met with negative contact as the gate was closed and posted.

Member to follow up with KELLER next tour.

Badge/Name: 0835/JSMITH

8/25/2023 3:44 PM

Member followed up with KELLER today and inspected the property on Co Hwy 50 in the Town of Cherry Valley. Member found that the dogs living conditions had greatly improved and was now appropriate. Member then observed the one dog that member had observed that had long nails which were now trimmed. Member then observed the one dog that member had observed to be skinny and it had now gained weight and appeared to be healthy. KELLER then provided member with a hand written receipt from her vet [REDACTED]. KELLER then also provided member with vet records for another dog along with a food delivery picture.

Emails from KELLER with the documentation uploaded to the case.

Member to follow up with the Town of Cherry Valley Dog Control Officer due to KELLER's 63 dogs are not licensed.

Member attempted to have KELLER show member the remaining dogs at 431 Barringer Rd in the Town of Cherry Valley to which she denied stating they are in the process of moving the dogs to Co Hwy 50.

Badge/Name: 0835/JSMITH

9/9/2023 1:24 PM

Member contacted the Cherry Valley Dog Control Officer [REDACTED] and advised him of this case and the unlicensed/ unvaccinated dogs at the location [REDACTED] advised member that he was aware and that KELLER was correcting the issues and he would follow up with her.

Case closed member will attempt to follow up at the location from time to time to make sure the dogs are still be cared for.

Investigators and Supervisors

Case Officer: 0835/JSMITH

Assigned Officer: 0729/MSTALTER CASE OFFICER

Case Supervisor: 0729/MSTALTER

Core Times

Call Received: 11:23:01 **Dispatched:** 11:23:01