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To Whom it May Concern,

I have been asked to list medical conditions I observed in 22 dogs removed from Ridglan Farms on 3/15/26. My assessment is based upon observation over video conferencing (on 3/15/26), photos, and veterinary records.

I have been a licensed veterinarian in the state of California for more than 25 years. I graduated from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine in 1998 after completing my undergraduate education at Stanford University. For the past 12 years I have been the chief veterinarian at an animal sanctuary where I have examined and cared for thousands of dogs, cats, goats, sheep, birds, and other animals. I have served as an expert veterinary witness in 9 criminal and civil cases and have also testified in multiple legislative hearings regarding animal welfare issues.

These are the medical conditions I have verified among the 22 beagles:

- 1) Interdigital dermatitis/pododermatitis (most of the dogs)
- 2) Skin infections (feet, neck, etc.)- most dogs
- 3) Severe, life-threatening obstipation diagnosed in 1 of the dogs shortly after rescue- required multiple administrations of parenteral fluids and multiple enemas. This dog likely would have died had he not been removed from Ridglan and received emergency veterinary care.
- 4) 10 of 13 tested for Giardia have tested positive
- 5) Bilateral conjunctivitis with significant mucoid production- at least 2 dogs
- 6) Otitis Externa- several dogs in 1 or more ears
- 7) Evidence of cage biting observed by veterinarians who examined the dogs (dental discoloration was noted) shortly after their removal from Ridglan- 2 dogs
- 8) Underweight- 2 dogs
- 9) Mild bruising of internal ear pinnae- several dogs
- 10) Mild dehydration noted in 2 dogs just after removal.
- 11) At least 1 dog had fleas
- 12) Cutaneous growth on forelimb- 1 dog
- 13) 3 dogs experienced vaccine reactions after routine vaccines- 2 were severe (i.e. facial edema/swelling and vomiting)- this is an exceptionally high rate as compared with the general dog population.

- 14) I have definitive knowledge that 5 of the puppies had their dewclaws surgically removed- based on photos and veterinary records I reviewed- documenting the presence of scar tissue on the front limbs where the dewclaw would normally be found.
- a. According to other witnesses, none of the dogs have dewclaws, which is highly suggestive that Ridglan is routinely amputating these digits.
 - b. Current thinking by the AVMA and other veterinary professionals considers routine dewclaw removal surgery medically unnecessary. Performance of the procedure requires careful consideration due to infliction of unnecessary pain, lack of medical necessity, potential for adverse consequences, and usefulness of the digits in athletic and working dogs. In addition, chronic arthritis can develop following the procedure.
 - c. A veterinary exam of one dog (Cinnamon Raisin) revealed the presence of dewclaw removal scars along with crepitus in the adjacent joint of the left limb. Crepitus can be a symptom of joint issues such as arthritis. This dog was born 6/19/25.
 - d. As with any surgical procedure, dewclaw removal should only be performed by a licensed veterinarian.

Thank you for your consideration,



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