

Poodles to be used as evidence



One of the 104 dogs to be used as evidence against its owner.

More than 100 dogs have become evidence in a possible prosecution case against a Waterford boarding and breeding kennel owner.

The dogs were seized from a Buccan Road property on Wednesday, January 9 and taken into RSPCA care.

RSPCA Spokesman Michael Beatty said evidence had been put together to support a prosecution against the owner under the Animal Care Protection Act.

The malnourished dogs were allegedly found standing in inches of urine and faeces with maggot infested wounds and urine burns.

Mr Beatty said the dogs had since received veterinary treatment and had been cleaned up.

"It took two hours to do some of the larger dogs," he said.

"That's how bad they were."

Mr Beatty said this is just one of the many cases the RSPCA has had to deal with recently.

He said they had been inundated with more than

500 complaints in the three weeks since January 1.

"There seems to be an avalanche of these complaints coming in," he said.

Poodle Club life member and Poodle Rescue volunteer Sue Graham said she originally brought the Buccan Road kennel to the attention of Beaudesert Shire Council almost 10 years ago. Ms Graham claimed the kennel owner was operating inappropriately.

"She was just running too many dogs," she said.

Ms Graham who had helped with the initial clean up of the dogs said their condition was appalling.

"It was so heartbreaking," she said.

"I have never seen anything like that and I've been in the grooming business for 20 years."

Ms Graham is currently acting as liason between the RSPCA and Poodle Rescue and will assist in the continued care of the 104 dogs.

A council spokeswoman said the incident was also under investigation by the Beaudesert Shire Council and no more information was available.

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