

Robertson O'Gorman



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S O L I C I T O R S

OUR REF: DDB:LP

YOUR REF:

17 January 2008

Mr Towers-Hammond
Chief Inspector
RSPCA
P O Box 6177
FAIRFIELD GARDENS QLD 4103

Dear Mr Towers-Hammond

RE: GERALD ROBERTSON

I refer to the abovenamed and to our previous correspondence, in particular your email dated and received 16 January 2008.

I confirm that the information notice in respect of the original seizure was received from Mr Stageman on 16 January 2008, and a separate, further receipt for seized property was received today.

As you know, the dogs in the custody of the RSPCA include a number of animals which are the property of Mr Julius Goh of Benji Kennels at Singapore. Mr Goh has already paid for the dogs, including the cost of shipping. It was originally planned that the puppies would be shipped to Singapore shortly after the RSPCA raid.

Ms Robertson is concerned that the puppies be shipped as soon as possible.

In accordance with the access rights of our client pursuant to s.151 of the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* (copy enclosed), we request arrangements be made for Ms Robertson and her vet (Mr Callum Robertson, Clayfield Veterinary Clinic – AQIS Accredited Vet) to attend at the Fairfield Shelter at between 8.00 a.m.-9.00a.m. on Tuesday 22 January 2008 for the purpose of undertaking the following tasks:

- Identifying the poodle puppies to be shipped to Benji Kennels, Singapore;

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- Micro-chipping the poodle puppies;
- Dipping the poodle puppies;
- Inspecting and certifying the poodle puppies for shipping.

Ms Robertson has arranged airfreight of the poodle puppies. The flight departs Brisbane at 1.45 p.m. on Thursday, 24 January 2008. It is critical that the puppies undergo the abovementioned veterinary treatment and examinations on the morning of 22 January 2008 (i.e., no less than 2 clear days in advance of shipping) in order that Australian and Singapore Customs and Quarantine requirements are met.

Further, Ms Robertson seeks that her vet micro-chip approximately 35-40 other adult and juvenile poodles. Those dogs represent her valuable breeding stock and bloodlines. Ms Robertson is concerned that the relevant dogs be readily identifiable in the event a dispute over ownership arises requiring determination in a court at a later date.

In light of the urgent nature of this request, we ask that you revert to us with confirmation of the arrangement by no later than 1.00 p.m., 18 January 2008. Obviously, the veterinary requires advance notice in order that he can prepare for the attendance.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully
ROBERTSON O'GORMAN

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Solicitor