

IN THE MAGISTRATES COURT OF QUEENSLAND

REGISTRY: BRISBANE
NUMBER: M6213/08

APPLICANT: Geraldine Fooi Fong ROBERTSON

AND

RESPONDENT: CHIEF EXECUTIVE, DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY
INDUSTRIES AND FISHEIRES

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I, VICTORIA WILLOUGHBY LOMAX, of 301 Fairfield Road, Fairfield, being the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) Queensland, solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare:

1. I am employed as a Veterinarian, RSPCA QLD Inc. I graduated with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science in 1969 from the University of Queensland
2. On Wednesday 9 January 2008 I was present at the RSPCA at Fairfield when a large number of poodles arrived at the shelter.
3. I was shocked to see the general condition of these dogs – many had grossly matted coats and most were very smelly. A large number were very timid and many were reluctant to walk on lead.
4. The following day I was asked to examine BT 5732 a dog which we called Ned. Ned's condition was appalling. He was very depressed and had an elevated temperature. His matted hair was wet and smelly, the smell being from faeces and urine. There were maggots around his anus and actually in the matted hair close to his skin. His skin from the base of this tail around his anus and down his legs was red and inflamed. The matted hair was such that it would have caused pain when he moved.
5. The mats were so close to the skin on the back half of his body, that they had to be clipped very carefully with scissors, disturbing many "nests" of maggots as we gradually clipped the hair away.
6. Ned's condition was a result of long term neglect. He took several months to recover and is now a happy healthy dog.

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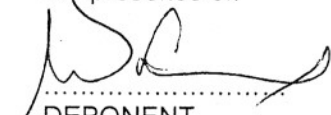
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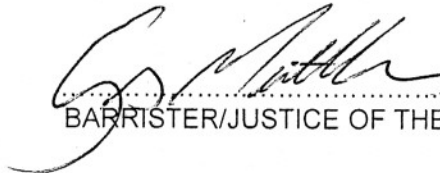


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7. There were many dogs in that group which were very nearly as bad as Ned. Clearly this owner had failed in their duty of care for these dogs.
8. During the last 6 months I have been working with treating the poodles for the ear conditions which they had when arriving at the shelter. The dogs are easy to treat and there is no excuse for the dogs being neglected, resulting in the appalling condition they were in when seized by the RSPCA Inspectors.

Affirmed by VICTORIA LOMAX on the 31st day of JULY 2008 at Townsville in the presence of:


DEPONENT


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