

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE MAGISTRATES COURT
COUNTY OF HORRY)
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) ORDER TO SEIZE CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS DUE
TO ANIMAL NEGLECT
V.)
ELIZABETH OWEN)

The State of South Carolina represented by Assistant Solicitor Michael O’Sullivan appeared before this court on March 1, 2011. Also present was the Defendant, Elizabeth Owen, and her defense counsel Greg McCollum. Written notice of this hearing was served on the Defendant on 2/25/11. Argument was heard from both the State and the Defense.

The State presented evidence, including video recorded evidence, which illustrated a need to secure custody of the animals residing at Sacred Vision Animal Sanctuary. Sufficient evidence of a pattern of behavior wherein the Defendant fails to provide adequate veterinary care to ill and suffering animals has been established necessitating emergency care. Pursuant to South Carolina Code § 47-1-150 (C) (1), this court is empowered to hear and decide motions concerning the custody of neglected or mistreated animals.

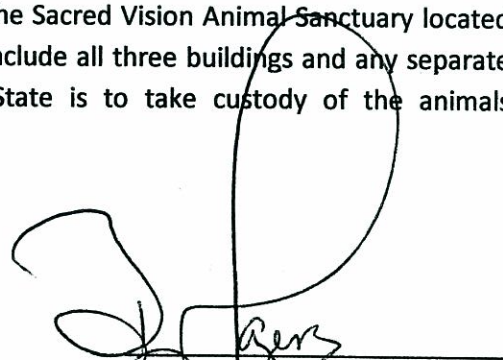
The State has presented a plan of action to provide veterinary evaluation and care for the animals and to house them in a temporary facility. Should permanent custody of the animals be granted to the State, the plan in effect calls for the housing of the animals until all healthy and adoptable animals have been adopted. No healthy animal as determined by a licensed veterinarian will be euthanized for population reduction purposes.

I find it is necessary and therefore **ORDER** the State to take custody of any and all animals in the custody of Elizabeth Owen including all animals residing at the Sacred Vision Animal Sanctuary located at 3701A Forestbrook Road in Myrtle Beach, SC. This is to include all three buildings and any separate storage buildings where animals may be housed. The State is to take custody of the animals immediately and follow the above proposed plan of action.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

3/1/11
DATE

CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA



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