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ANIMAL NEGLECT 1

OCA 22-14596 Date / Time Reported

Tue 09/27/2022 14:26

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Offense

AO/ Eugene Code Enforcement Supervisor Ken Green Officer Jamie Buchholz Officer James Stock

AWO/Supervisor Sporich CSO/ C Woolston

On 9-27-22 at 1110 hours I arrived at 1876 Riverwood Ave. regarding a welfare check on three Great Dane dog's.

I advised Supervisor Ken Green and Officer Jamie Bucholz from the Eugene Code Enforcement team that it had been reported to me that the residence had a strong odor of animal fecal matter coming from the back yard of the property.

There is a road leading to the back of the dog owners residence. I drove my truck behind the dog owners residence. The code compliance officers met me near the back yard. When we were standing behind the residence. We detected a very strong odor of animal waste coming from the dog owners back yard. We walked to the front of the residence and knocked on the door. There was no answer.

I checked my Pet Access for the dog owners phone number. I gave the dog owner RO/Christ Horton a call on my cell phone. She stated that she was in Corvallis getting her car worked on. I explained to her that we had responded to her residence regarding a welfare check on her dogs.

I asked Christy if she had cleaned up the back yard lately. She stated that she had just worked twenty days in a row at work. She is a doctor at the River Bend hospital. Christy said, "I had cleaned three weeks ago." I told Christ that I will need to meet with her about this matter. Christy stated she would call me within two hours. I gave her my cell phone number. I asked her to call me when she is ready to meet.

On 9-28-22 at 1454 hours the code enforcement officers and I returned back at the dog owners residence. Jamie stated that his supervisor was busy at this time. He introduced me to a new code enforcement officer named James Stock.

The dog owner RO/Christ Horton contacted us near the back yard. I explained that the fecal odor was very strong. I asked Christy if she would show us the dogs living area. Christy stated she would be willing comply to my request. I asked her if we could secure the dog's somewhere away from the officers. I suggested that we place two of the dog's in our vehicles. Christy put "Teller" in my vehicle and "Maggie" in her truck. She then held "Bandit" on a leash while we inspected the property. The dog's appeared to have good weight and coats.

I advised dispatch that the dog owner had given us permission to enter the residence. We entered through the back gate. I started taking pictures of the dog's living conditions. The pictures will be sent to ECU for evidence. There was watered down dog fecal matter on the small pathway covering the rocks. I observed a propane tank laying near the gate with lots of garbage. The back smelled horrible. I observed several boxes stacked along the pathway. I observed a large dog bed that had several bowls around it. It appears the bowls were possibly used for food and water. I asked Christy if the dog's are kept outside. She kind of nodded at me.

Christy started walking toward the garage. I advised her she didn't have to let us look inside the residence. She stated that she was going to let us inside the residence. She showed us the inside of the garage. The garage was covered in garbage and filth. The dog's had defecated over by the garage door. The garage smelled even worse that the back yard. It appears the garage hasn't been cleaned for some time. I observed the garage door entering into the residence. I took several pictures of the dog's living conditions. The pictures will show the door covered in paw

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marks about four feet up the door. The dog's were being kept outside and scratching at the back door to be let inside the residence. The fly strip was covered in flies. I observed a large plastic box of dog food. Christy stated she feeds the dog's Victor Professional dog food.

Christy took us into the kitchen. As you step into the kitchen area. The floor was covered in garbage and filth. The residence had a very strong odor of urine. There was a pathway to her bedroom and bathroom. The area was covered in boxes left by her mother. Christy stated that "Bandit" had broken into the boxes and thrown everything around.

I asked Christy where the dog's water was located. She stated the water was in the bath tub. I located a blue tub with a large amount of water inside. The bathroom was very dirty and filthy.

Christy took me into her bedroom. The bedroom was also very dirty and had no sheets on the bed. The bed appeared to be filthy.

Jamie spoke to me about the conditions of the residence. He stated that that the dangerous building has been condemned and unsafe for humane occupancy. He had a hazmat person board up the building.

I contacted Supervisor Sporich on my cell phone. I advised her that this case has been founded for Animal Neglect. I told her that the three dog's were be impounded today. I asked her if she would be able to transport one of the large dog's. She asked me to contact a CSO to transport of the third dog.

I advised Christy that the dog's were being impounded today for Animal Neglect. She stated that she wanted to rehome "Bandit." I told her she would need to speak to the shelter. We were able to place "Maggie" in the back of the CSO's truck. Supervisor Sporich noticed the dog has some kind of skin condition on its paw. The dog will also possibly needs its nails trimmed.

Christy and I had a conversation at my truck. I advised her she would be receiving citations today. I read her the Eugene code for Animal Neglect under section (E) Confinement area must be kept reasonably clean and free from waste and or other contaminants which could affect the animal's health. Christy stated that she would take responsibility for this incident. I issued citation #765547A and #765548 and #765549. I explained to her the mandatory court appearance and court date. I handed her the citations. She said, "Thanks." I gave her an EPR receipt for her dog's. I advised her that the residence will need to be cleaned before the dog's can be returned. I told her that I would meet with her at a later date to check on her progress. I advised her she would be receiving a warning for regarding the two dog licenses. I thanked her for being cooperative.

I transported "Teller" to the shelter located at 88530 Greenhill Rd.

While transporting "Teller" to the shelter. The dog smelled like urine.

We asked the kennel staff to have the vet Gail check on the dog's paws. I took several pictures of the dog's. The pictures will be sent to ECU for evidence.

1."Teller" Great Dane, Fawn, N/M, 7yrs. Lic#EL2396

- 2."Maggie" Great Dane, fawn, S/F, 7yrs, No License
- 3."Bandit" Harlequin, Male, 5yrs No License

T. Carlson #495 Senior Animal Welfare Officer

Incident Report Suspect List

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Narrative by Deborah Sporcich Animal Welfare Supervisor Badge #1250

Body Camera 09272022 at 1556

On Tuesday, September 27 at approximately 1330 I received a phone call from Officer Ted Carlson. Carlson said he was with code enforcement at 1876 Riverwood Dr and was impounding three Great Danes for neglect 2. Carlson asked if I was available to assist in transporting and to assess the living conditions.

At approximately 1550 I arrived and met Officer Carlson and dog owner Christy Horton outside her home of 1876 Riverwood Dr. City of Eugene Code enforcement was no longer on scene. Officer Carlson stated one dog was inside her truck in the driveway, another dog contained in his work vehicle, and another still inside the home. Carlson wanted one of the dogs placed in my vehicle in order for me to enter the home to evaluate the neglect conditions. I gave Horton a slip leash to secure the black and white Great Dane named Bandit and she placed him inside my vehicle.

I followed Horton inside her home, first going through a fenced patio area next to the home. The patio had miscellaneous items scattered throughout, but there was a path leading to the side entrance of the home. The patio had dog feces caked on top of the pavers. It was not possible to step on a clean surface as any visible surface was covered with dried feces. The side door entered an attached garage that stored broken household items, boxes, and piles of garbage. A large section of the garage floor appeared to be a designated area for the dogs to defecate. I entered the home and based on the patio, garage, and inside the home, it was an extreme hoarding situation.

I stood in the kitchen area and spoke to Horton. The kitchen and living space surrounding it was covered in piles and piles of items, boxes, clothing, papers, garbage, and unidentifiable items. I asked to see the backyard. She said there was no backyard, the yard was in the front (referring to the patio). I didn't realize at the time I had entered her home through the back entrance and the patio was the backyard. Horton did not take me through the rest of the house. Horton was concerned her dogs were going to die if we took them to Greenhill. I assured Horton that Greenhill was very good with boarding dogs, and they would be safe. It was apparent Horton has had a prior experience with Greenhill because she claimed they euthanized a dog because it was feral, but she claimed they didn't know how to handle dogs. Horton didn't want her dogs going to Greenhill and wanted to take her dogs to another property she owned. I explained the dogs were living in filth, referring to the conditions we were standing in, and I was concerned her other property would be in the same conditions.

I stepped out of the house to speak to Officer Carlson and asked for clarification on the impoundment. I asked if it was required for the city to impound and seek forfeiture, or if she could redeem her dogs once the house was

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suitable for the dogs to return. Officer Carlson explained he would be citing neglect violations and the dogs would be placed on DNR at Greenhill until he could return to reinspect the cleanliness of the home. It was then communicated to Horton the dogs could be redeemed once she complied with cleaning the living space.

Horton assisted in loading Maggie, a tan female Great Dane, from her truck to a CSO's truck. Maggie appeared in good health, but I noticed her paws were somewhat misshaped in appearance and had feces stuck to the sides.

The dogs were transported to Greenhill for impoundment. My sense of smell was compromised after contracting covid in December, but I could smell Bandit behind in my back seat. He smelled of a strong, unpleasant odor. The Greenhill staff was familiar with Christy Horton. They had dealt with animals from her property in Lane County and informed there was an investigation of neglect with previous officers at Lane County Animal Services. I attempted to take photos of Maggie`s feet when she was removed from the crate. Maggie was nervous and I didn`t want Greenhill staff to get bit trying to lift her leg. I asked for photos of her feet be taken at intake if possible.

Nothing further.

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT - CASE 22-14596

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CEPDADR 10062022 @ 1249

NARRATIVE:

On 10/06/2022 at approximately 1249 hours, I responded to 1876 Riverwood Drive in the City of Eugene to conduct a follow-up investigation regarding Case 22-14596.

I observed the yellow abatement notices were still posted on the front and back of the house. I observed the notices clearly stated it was illegal for any person to reside inside the address.

I observed the front door was still boarded up with plywood. I stood in the alley directly outside the back fence. I did not smell any noxious odors coming from the back yard and/or house.

I did not see and/or hear any person(s) or dog(s) present at the location. I did not see any vehicles parked in front or behind the house.

I knocked on the windows, but nobody was appeared to be inside the residence.

I spoke with the resident of 1868 Riverwood Drive. She advised me the homeowner, identified as CHRISTY HORTON, had hazmat clean-up crews on site approximately four separate times since 09/28/2022. The neighbor said the clean-up crews were working at the house for "hours" each time.

The neighbor said she did not smell anymore odors coming from the property since the clean-up started.

The neighbor said she believed Christy was unfit to own/possess animals and was glad the dogs were no longer at the house. The neighbor said it was very unfortunate Christy was keeping her dogs in such unsanitary conditions.

Nothing further.

Aaron Reece Badge #1182 Animal Welfare Officer

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Narrative by Deborah Sporcich Animal Welfare Supervisor Badge #1250

Body Worn Camera CEPDDLS 10202022 @0830

On Thursday, October 20, 2022, at approximately 0830, I arrived at Christy Horton's property in Mapleton Oregon, 10528 Hwy 126. Officer Stacey Manning and Officer Isabel Merritt with Lane County Animal Services were present, along with Kim Mosimam and Brie with Sound Equine Solutions from the Portland area. It was a scheduled meeting with Horton in order to assess her 11 horses as she was required to owner surrender all animals in her care, custody or control on October 18, 2022 in her plea to guilty in Count 1 Animal Neglect in the First Degree.

Oregon Humane Society referred Sound Equine Solutions to help with rehoming Horton's horses. Kim and Brie took photos of each horse as Horton supplied name, age, behavior, and any medical conditions. Horton was very cooperative as she answered questions about each horse. I took photos of the horses and uploaded them in Digital IQ.

Horton's truck bed was loaded with some hay and horse feed. There was no barn or outbuilding for food storage. I explained to Horton it would be preferable to get the horses removed from her property as soon as possible and she agreed. I asked if she had someone to talk to, like friends or family, after her animals would be gone because it would be a difficult time. She said she had a therapist to talk to. She said with her not having any animals to take care of, she might travel to Ireland.

After approximately 45 minutes of gathering information on the horses, I gave Horton owner surrender paperwork from Greenhill Humane Society for her three Great Danes. She initialed and signed the paperwork and she provided her email address for me to scan her a copy when I returned to the office.

Kim explained she would need a couple days to make a plan and talk to her board members. I told Horton I would be in touch later in the week.

On the drive back to Eugene Kim and Brie explained the horses were not being well taken care of. They were immediately concerned for the pregnant horse with a heart murmur, the pregnant horse with cracks in her hoofs, a horse with a club foot and walking issues, a senior horse, and a young horse with a jaw injury. They commented on the amount of hay required to properly feed 11 horses isn`t a truck load. The hay in Horton`s truck would go very quickly. They said the horses were all "thin" and would have a difficult time getting through the winter.

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Kim had found all 11 horses owned by Horton on Facebook prior to our visit with Horton that morning. Kim said the pictures of the horses at purchase from the breeder versus their condition now after being under Horton's care is a dramatic decline in health and appearance. Kim said this is an unusual case because expensive horses aren't typically living in these conditions or in poor health.

Nothing Further.

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Body Worn Camera CEPDDLS 10252022 @1100

On October 25, 2022, at approximately 1100, Christy Horton came to Eugene Police Headquarters to sign owner surrender forms for her horses Sahara, Warimos, Meli, Poshki, Behati, Emmi, Viva, Donella, Bon and Rhapsody. I gave her the yellow copies for the owner surrenders and the impound copy for horse Oksana who has the bill of sale. Horton said she needed to call the buyer to find out if she would still be interested in the purchase of Oksana. I gave Horton the contact information for Kim Mosimam, the executive director of Sound Equine Solutions, as they would be sheltering Oksana. I also gave the contact information for Suzanne Bruce as Horton had questions about using her land for someone needing a pasture for their sheep. Horton said she would like to be there tomorrow. I said the volunteers for the rescue would be there at 9am, including Kim if she had questions for her.

Pink copies of owner surrender and impound were given to records for upload.

Nothing Further

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Body Worn Camera CEPDDLS 10262022 @1015

On October 26, 2022, at approximately 1015, I arrived to Christy Horton's property at 10528 Hwy 126, Mapleton, for a scheduled impoundment of Horton's 11 horses. A rescue referred by Oregon Humane Society, Sound Equine Options, had staged five horse trailers next to the Chevron gas station in Mapleton to transport the horses into their custody. It took the rescue approximately 2 hours to load all the horses without incident. Horton was again very cooperative and advised the rescue on the behavior of each horse and which horses would travel well together for the trip to the Portland area for rehoming.

Horton said she was still trying to contact Sara, the buyer for Oksana, and a Wisconsin Veterinarian to figure out if Oksana would have jaw surgery in Wisconsin before going to the buyer in Ontario. Horton said she was going to the post office today to check mail because the deposit from the buyer was mailed to the incorrect zip code and she needs to recheck her PO Box. I suggested she bring the signed Bill of Sale for Oksana, and also a plan and timeline for delivering Oksana to the buyer to court on Tuesday in order for the city prosecutor Susie Bruce to agree to the terms of the transfer of ownership.

Photos uploaded to Digital IQ.

Nothing further.