

FIGHTING CHANCE

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Letter from LCA President Chris DeRose

Dear Friend of Animals,

It has been more than 25 years now since I founded Last Chance for Animals. I have witnessed unspeakable suffering and injustices that no sentient being should ever have to endure. At times the road has been difficult. But the rewards – the victories you and I have achieved for the animals - have been worth every second of sacrifice.

However, no period of time has been more challenging; the economic climate has forced us to work with less while continuing to do everything in our power to meet the ever-growing needs of those who have only us to turn for help.

Thanks to your continued support and careful financial management at LCA, we have experienced many victories for the animals.

In this issue of Fighting Chance you will read about our Pet Shop Project which is aimed at changing the pet store model from selling puppy mill dogs to dealing only in rescue and shelter dogs and taking The Dog Whisperer's Cesar Millan undercover into a puppy mill. You will read about our most successful Puppy Mill Awareness Day ever in Lancaster, Pennsylvania – where more than 1,600 supporters joined our annual march to express their outrage and demand change. You will read about our emergency rescue of hundreds of dogs and cats from a horrendous hoarding situation in California's Mojave Desert. You will read about our efforts to rescue several tigers confined in deplorable conditions in Cancun, Mexico and our successful efforts in getting justice for 6 month old puppy Karley plus the pressure we have put on Michael Vick to make amends for his role in the torture and killing of countless dogs.

You will read about all of this and how in the most challenging of times you helped LCA make the impossible possible.

At LCA, we believe there has never been a halfway measure to address injustice. Just as the only answer to slavery was to abolish it completely and forever, the same applies to the cruelty, abuse, torture, exploitation and killing of animals. This is the moral principle that guides every move we make at LCA. In good times and in bad – the animals need us.

Exposing the bad guys and stopping the horrific things they do to animals is what LCA does. It's our job. It's our reason for being. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to accomplish great things for the animals and with your continued support, we will continue to fight with every ounce of our being. We will never give up!

For the animals,



Chris DeRose
President and Founder

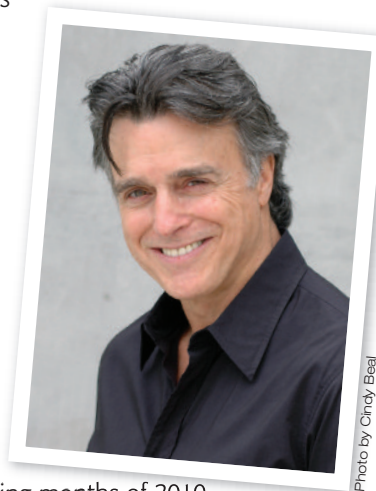


Photo by Cindy Beal

This issue is dedicated to LCA Volunteers Demetra Canning and Gene Blalock



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P.S. We have many goals we want to accomplish in the remaining months of 2010 and need your financial help for the animals. Please use the enclosed donation envelope and help us by sending the most generous contribution you can.





PUPPY MILL FREE STORES
WWW.BANPUPPYMILLS.COM

"One person can make a difference. I have seen owners of pet shops become heroes in their own community for doing the right thing. I have stood by them as they faced challenges and cried with them through failures. Through the wins and the losses, I continue to have faith that change is happening in America. For me, I am proud to be a part of the solution to this overwhelming crisis that humans have created for America's companion pets. Ten million pets were killed in America's shelters in 2008; if every pet shop in our country would convert to rescue, millions of animals would be saved each year. It is so rewarding to watch one dog get adopted, but I get really choked up knowing that there is a way to save millions."

Kim Sill
Director of LCA's Pet Shop Project



San Bernardino, CA Shelter Dogs Ready for Transport

LCA Changing The Pet Store Model!

ADOPT, DON'T SHOP! – LCA'S PET SHOP PROJECT

LCA started its "Puppy Mill Free Stores" campaign in late 2007. The campaign is aimed towards ending the sale, breeding and importation of puppy mill dogs, beginning in the Greater Los Angeles area, by educating the public about the horrors of the puppy mill industry and getting pet shops to carry rescue animals.

Through a combination of non-stop peaceful protests and information gathered from LCA's Special Investigations Units' undercover investigations, LCA shut down four pet stores in Los Angeles during 2008 that sold dogs originating from puppy mills. In late 2008, OrangeBone (located in Los Angeles) became the first pet store in the nation to go humane and stop selling dogs from puppy mills and deal only in rescue dogs. LCA launched the Pet Shop Project in 2009 by working with local pet shops (see below) to carry rescue animals – not trying to close down their shop but offering them an alternative business model. It is LCA's goal to find solutions that will cut down on the millions of animals killed annually in America's shelters and bring about a brighter humane future for companion animals. If every pet

shop in American would open their kennels to rescues, millions of dogs would be saved from being killed each year. The tide is changing and LCA believes that one day our shelters will be funneling 90 percent of the dogs they intake into pet shops for adoption. The Pet Shop Project and pet stores carrying rescue animals needs support for successful nationwide growth – sign up for LCA's action alerts at www.LCAanimal.org to get involved!



Adopt, Don't Shop!



San Bernardino, CA Shelter Pups

THE PET RESPONSIBILITY ACT (CA SENATE BILL 250) ALMOST PASSED IN 2009!

HELP REDUCE PET OVERPOPULATION IN CALIFORNIA!

Each year, over \$250 million dollars is spent housing and euthanizing homeless dogs and cats in California. Approximately 1 million dogs and cats enter California's shelters each year, and over half of them are euthanized (killed) simply because there are not enough homes.

SB 250, introduced by Senate Majority Leader Dean Florez, provides a reasonable, fiscally responsible step towards reducing pet overpopulation in California. The bill encourages pet owners to license their pets and simply requires that dogs be spayed or neutered unless their owner/guardian obtains the unaltered dog license (already required by law) when

they license their dog. SB 250 also requires that roaming cats be spayed and neutered by their owner/guardian.

SB 250 is in step 10 of a step 12 process to become law. This measure to reduce pet overpopulation and needless euthanasia is on hold to be reconsidered during 2010.

For more info on SBO 250 and to contact your legislators (if you live in California), please visit www.YesOnSB250.com. Watch videos on the website about the countless number of unwanted animals euthanized at shelters every day.

- OrangeBone, Los Angeles** – the first pet shop to go humane and stop selling puppy mill dogs
- Bark N Bitches, Los Angeles** – re-homed over 1,000 rescue dogs
- Montecito Pet Shop, Santa Barbara** – stopped purchasing dogs from backyard breeders
- Pacific Coast Pets, Malibu** – holds weekend adoptions for rescue and shelter animals
- All Pets Headquarters, Camarillo** – houses and rehabs older dogs that have aggression issues and have donated 300 sq ft of the store for rescued shelter puppies

FISCAL WASTE

\$250 million spent to house 1 million dogs and cats and kill 500,000 each year in California



California Pet Shops that Carry Rescue Dogs

“It Changed My Life Forever”

– Cesar Millan, After Going Into A Puppy Mill

The Dog Whisperer’s Cesar Millan Teams Up with LCA To Rescue and Rehabilitate Dogs from Puppy Mills!

In a powerful new Dog Whisperer episode that aired several times during 2009, Cesar Millan went undercover with LCA’s Special Investigation Unit and witnessed the horrors of puppy mills firsthand and worked with LCA to rehabilitate the dogs that never knew a world outside their overcrowded cages or learned how to interact with humans.

“We are from two different points of rescuing,” Cesar says of LCA, “They do the physical rescue, I do the psychological rescue. So together it’s a team, it’s a good pack.” For more info on Cesar and LCA, go to www.BanPuppyMills.com



Cesar Millan and LCA’s Chris DeRose and Kim Sill

DOG WHISPERER
with CESAR MILLAN

6th Annual Puppymill Awareness Day In Lancaster, PA

Sept 2009 – LCA, along with Adopt-A-Pet, Victoria Stillwell and Rescue Ink hosted the 6th annual Puppy Mill Awareness Day (PMAD) and “March against the Mills” in Lancaster, PA, “The Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast.” More than 1,600 supporters attended, making it the most successful PMAD to date. After 6 successful years in PA, the 7th annual PMAD will be held in Los Angeles in September 2010 to educate people about the puppy mill problem that exists on the west coast. LCA thanks Carol Aroneo for her tireless commitment and hard work organizing PMAD in PA for the last 6 years.

“New Pennsylvania state regulations governing large kennels took effect in October 2009; operators of these kennels are required to clean their facilities daily, and provide veterinary care and regular exercise to their animals. Cages with wire flooring, and stacking of cages, will be prohibited. We have to make sure these laws are enforced and there is no question, we’ve got a lot of work to do. But this is the beginning, the beginning of the end.”

– Chris DeRose, LCA President



OPRAH – please do a show on puppy mills; the dogs need you! www.MLAR.org

Facts about Puppy Mills

- Puppy mills contribute to the pet overpopulation problem; millions of unwanted dogs are euthanized nationally in shelters every year.
- About one-third of the nation’s 9,000 independent pet stores sell puppies.
- 2-4 million puppies from puppy mills are sold each year in the United States.
- Puppy mill puppies are more likely to have a host of health problems; including genetic defects and behavioral issues.
- Documented puppy mill conditions include over-breeding, inbreeding, minimal veterinary care, poor food and shelter, crowded cages and lack of socialization.
- Puppy mill breeder dogs suffer for years in continual confinement. They are bred over and over and then destroyed or discarded once they can no longer produce puppies.

TEN MILLION (10,000,000) ANIMALS WERE KILLED IN AMERICA’S SHELTERS IN 2008.

Bill Smith, of Main Line Animal Rescue in Chester Springs, PA was hailed as a hero at PMAD 2009. The billboard above was cleverly posted near Chicago, Illinois and ultimately got Oprah to do a show on puppy mills in 2008 that brought much needed attention to the issue.

HOARDING RESCUE



Property owner Cindy Bemis gave sole permission to LCA to remove the neglected and abused animals from the 2.5 acre property in Mojave. LCA spearheaded the rescue, and over several hot and difficult months, everyone participating witnessed firsthand the abuse that was inflicted on these helpless animals. The Mojave Desert area can get as hot as 120 degrees during the day, and as cold as 20 degrees at night. The conditions these animals lived in were appalling:

Inside the house, which was in utterly deplorable condition, were many small dogs and cats, which most likely never had experienced the outdoors. The horror of overcrowding is unimaginable; dogs and cats crammed together in close quarters, living on top of each other. Inside the house, the floors were caked in 4 inches of feces. The stench was abhorrent. The dogs living outdoors were subjected to brutal heat, with barely any access to shade, forced to share a few bowls of yellow rancid water that were scattered on the property. Outdoor dog runs were piled high with feces. Some dogs had dug underground dens for themselves, to escape the heat. Nursing mothers also burrowed underground to keep their litters safe. Many dogs were injured from fighting over communal dog bowls, obviously



The same two dogs, rescued and enjoying their new home. Although the black & white dog was taken to the vet immediately after rescue, it was too late to save his life. He did, however, pass away in a loving home; knowing he was cared for.



May 2009 – LCA led the rescue situation in California’s Mojave Desert. The property and taken

tremendously hungry and malnourished. Many dogs roamed around like gangs in a prison. Most of these animals were not neutered or spayed. There were dogs full of milk without puppies.

LCA, along with several other rescue organizations and many dedicated volunteers made countless trips up to the compound to feed, trap, and remove dogs.

Each day that LCA arrived at the property, another litter of puppies had been born. LCA volunteers were at the property daily, ensuring the dogs had food and water. Tarps were hung to provide shade from the relentless heat. On several occasions, locals were dumping dogs at the site while rescuers were pulling dogs off the property.

LCA posted signs on the exterior of the property to inform the public IT IS ILLEGAL TO DUMP ANIMALS!

Despite the horrible conditions these dogs lived in, the majority were friendly and adoptable. The biggest challenge was trying to find rescue organizations and foster homes to take the animals in. Pet’s Delight in Covina, CA and OrangeBone in Los Angeles, CA took in dogs. These were the first two pet stores to go 100% humane and stopped selling dogs from puppy mills, converted by LCA’s “Adopt, Don’t Shop” campaign.



Two neglected dogs on the Bemis property, prior to rescue. The black & white dog had numerous tumors.

IN THE HOT DESERT!

of hundreds of dogs and cats from an animal hoarding cave Desert. 230 dogs and 25 cats were removed from to foster homes and rescue shelters for adoption.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HOARDERS?

Hoarders Cindy Bemis, and her cohort Cynthia Trapani were convicted on May 18, 2009 on 20 combined counts of felony animal cruelty. They were ordered to jail immediately and denied bail.

Sentencing was handed down on July 8, 2009 at the Bakersfield courthouse in Kern County. Bemis received one year; Trapani was given 90 days. Judge Twisselman referenced a very large file of letters written in support of a tough sentence, which seems to have helped influence the strict 5 year probation to run concurrent with the sentences of both defendants:

1. Defendants shall not own or be in possession of any animals, or live on a property with animals.
2. Defendants cannot live with another person who has more than 3 animals.
3. Defendants cannot operate anything connected to a 501c3, rescue organization or sanctuary.
4. Animal Control and Sheriff Department can, and will, access and search property at any time, with or without probable cause
5. 100 hours of community service
6. Psychological counseling
7. Restitution in the amount of \$37,874

If probation is violated in any way, it will lead to a much stiffer sentence in state prison.

As reported in the Bakersfield News, Cindy Bemis was released from prison 3 months early on Wednesday, September 30th. She was transferred to Kern County's Adult Transitional Team program, which is designed to assist incarcerated adults when traditional mental health services are not effective.

There are currently thousands of animal hoarders hiding in remote areas across the country, where their cruelty and neglect often goes undetected for years. It is difficult to understand how this is allowed to happen or even comprehend the horrors of what these animals have suffered.

Cindy Bemis, like many people who become hoarders, are not bad people. They started out with good intentions and couldn't say no and got in over their heads.



LCA THANKS EVERYONE WHO HELPED!

LCA would like to thank each volunteer and every animal advocacy group listed below for their invaluable help in this massive rescue! Additional thanks go to The Jason Debus Heigl Foundation and Animal Alliance for their added monetary incentive for the rescue of senior dogs.

- Animal Advocates
- Animal Alliance
- Anza Friends of Animals
- Brittany Foundation
- Heigl Hounds of Hope
- OrangeBone on Melrose
- Pet Adopters
- Pets Delight Pasadena
- Pooch Haven
- Riverside Humane Society

What You Can Do

- 1) Help Put an End to the National Problem of Pet Overpopulation and Cruel Hoarding Situations By Supporting SB 250 (details on page 2)
- 2) Report any situations that you suspect to be hoarding to your local animal control to investigate.

PTAD & PSPA



21ST ANNUAL NATIONAL PET THEFT AWARENESS DAY

LCA launched the first Pet Theft Awareness Day (PTAD) on Valentine's Day in 1988 to memorialize the 1.5 to 2 million animals that are stolen each year and sold to research facilities, dog fighting rings, and puppy mills. On February 14th of every year, LCA and other animal advocacy organizations across the country educate the public about the problem of pet theft, and how they can protect their companion animals.

LCA commends Senator Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii) for reintroducing into the 111th congress, the Pet Safety and Protection Act (PSPA), which will help stop stolen and stray animals from being sold to research facilities!

LCA observed the 21st annual PTAD by driving to numerous dog parks in Los Angeles with LCA's Animal News Van, distributing pet theft literature.

What You Can Do About Pet Theft:

← DON'T Let Your Pet Become a Victim of Pet Theft!

- 1) Plan an event in your area on February 14th, Pet Theft Awareness Day; contact LCA to receive a free National Pet Theft Awareness Day action pack.
- 2) Spay or neuter your companion animals to cut down on pet overpopulation and educate others about doing the same. With cats and dogs in such high abundance, dealers have no trouble finding pets to steal.
- 3) Call people who have placed "free to good home" ads in the paper and warn them about Class B dealers and the pet theft problem.
- 4) Order LCA's "I Could Have Stolen Your Pet" stickers. Help spread the word by placing these stickers on the leashes of dogs left alone!

Oklahoma State University (OSU) Eliminates Terminal Surgeries - Fall 2009

In March 2009, news broke that the College of Veterinary Medicine at OSU had been purchasing dogs from Henry Lee Cooper, a known Class B dealer. Students of OSU invited LCA's Chris DeRose to speak on the animals' behalf; to help persuade the board and to educate students about the incredible pain research animals feel and the alternatives that are available. In addition, activist Madeline Pickens threatened to withdraw her \$5 million donation to the school.

Shortly after DeRose's talk, the OSU's College of Veterinary Medicine announced its decision to eliminate "terminal surgeries" from the third-year surgery curriculum and replace those with spay/neuter surgery training on animals from shelters who are then returned for adoption procedures.

"This is a win-win situation that continues to provide our students the training they need, addresses animal welfare issues, and offers a beneficial service to the community," OSU President Burns Hargis said in a statement.

In 2007, LCA's insider at OSU discovered students were performing live veterinary surgeries with terminal results on dogs from Class B dealers. In one case, 12 dogs were used for a noninvasive wound research study but one died almost immediately due to the deplorable condition in which it arrived. Even though the other 11 dogs were in similar condition, the research continued and the remaining 11 were to be sold back to the Class B dealer, used for further experimentation at another location or euthanized. The remaining 11 dogs, known as "LCA's Lucky Eleven" were rescued and transported with LCA's help to Northeast Arkansans for Animals. Eight dogs seemed to have been victims of research their entire lives, while the others knew basic commands and were likely someone's pet at one time.



Ronald, one of LCA's Lucky 11, inside OSU and after his rescue



I COULD HAVE STOLEN YOUR PET!

In the time it took to place this sticker, I could have STOLEN your pet. Keep your animal safe from pet theft - don't leave pets alone!



www.StolenPets.com

For more information, contact Campaigns@LCAAnimal.org or call 310/271.6096 x 27

Protect America's Companion Animals

Support

The Pet Safety and Protection Act

S. 1834 & H.R. 3907



What You Can Do

- 1) Sign up for LCA's action alerts at www.LCAAnimal.org to find out how you can contact your senators and representatives to urge them to support and cosponsor the PSPA!
- 2) Visit www.DealingDogs.com to read more about Class B dealers and LCA's undercover investigation into C.C. Baird.
- 3) Order the "Rebel" dog tag – Military style dog tag imprinted with the details of "Rebel," a special dog from Class B dealer C.C. Baird's Martin Creek Kennels. Tag comes attached to an info card with Rebel's story. Chain and silencer included. Wear it as a reminder of the dogs that lost their lives at Martin Creek Kennels and as a tool to educate others about pet theft. \$10.00 includes shipping.
- 4) Buy the DVD "Dealing Dogs" and show it to others to help spread the word about about pet theft and Class B dealers. Click on the merchandise tab at www.LCAAnimal.org to order.



PET SAFETY & PROTECTION ACT S.1834/H.R.3907

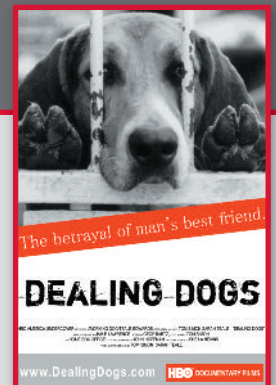
U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI) and House Rep Michael F. Doyle (D-PA) re-introduced the **Pet Safety and Protection Act (PSPA)** in October 2009. When passed, the PSPA will amend the Animal Welfare Act to prevent stolen companion animals from being sold into research facilities and laboratories by Class B dealers. There is renewed HOPE for the PSPA to be passed into law with a new administration in the White House. As of the writing of this newsletter, cosponsors for the bill totaled 13 in the Senate and 98 in the House. Your help is needed to get this bill passed; please go to www.House.gov and www.Senate.gov and find your government officials and ask them to cosponsor this important bill.

"We must stop stray and stolen dogs and cats from being illegally sold to research facilities," said Senator Akaka, "It will end the fraudulent and unethical practices of certain dealers and the unnecessary suffering of dogs and cats in their care."

The National Academies' Institute for Laboratory Animal Research (ILAR), which advises the federal government on issues related to animals used in research, released their report on May 29, 2009, entitled "Scientific and Humane Issues in the Use of Random-Source Dogs and Cats in Research." The report found that it is not necessary to obtain animals from Class B dealers for National Institute of Health research. All members of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) committee viewed LCA's HBO film "Dealing Dogs" as part of their deliberations, and LCA is recognized on page 76 of this report.

DEALING DOGS

In 2006, HBO's America Undercover released the Emmy nominated and Genesis award winning documentary, "Dealing Dogs," about LCA's harrowing undercover investigation into notorious Class B dealer C.C. Baird and its historic outcome. www.DealingDogs.com



Elephant Sanctuaries - Not Captivity!



www.FightBack4Elephants.com



Former L.A. Zoo African elephant, Ruby, now at PAWS Sanctuary



Billy at the L.A. Zoo

Billy, the Los Angeles Zoo's 24 year old lone male Asian elephant, was caught in the wild and forcibly taken from his native home of Malaysia, as part of a trade between the L.A. Zoo and the Malaysian Game Department. Billy has been at the L.A. Zoo since 1989 and lives on approximately one-quarter acre. In the wild, elephants walk up to 30 miles in a day; there are roughly 640 acres in one mile.

Former L.A. Zoo African elephant, Ruby now lives at PAWS Sanctuary since her move there in March 2007. With no other elephants at the Zoo, Billy lives an unnatural, solitary life and has been displaying neurotic behaviors consistent with captive elephants which include incessant head bobbing and swaying.

In September 2009, California's 2nd Court of Appeal ruled that a 2007 lawsuit charging the L.A. Zoo with abusing elephants will be allowed to go to trial. A Los Angeles County Superior Court judge had initially ruled that the issues raised in the suit were political and not for a court to decide. The appeals court decided otherwise! Two concerned Los Angeles citizens filed the 2007 suit as California taxpayers under

the state's taxpayer waste statute. They allege that the L.A. Zoo – a city agency – has violated the statute by managing elephants in a way that abuses and injures them. The Court of Appeals held that the two citizens have raised a triable issue of material fact as to whether the physical characteristics of the existing and proposed elephant habitats would subject the animals to mistreatment in violation of Penal Code Sec. 6596.5 and whether the expenditure of public funds to operate the exhibits in such a manner would constitute an illegal expenditure of taxpayers monies.

The L.A. Zoo has maintained an elephant exhibit since 1966, and the L.A. City Council three years ago approved construction of the \$42 million Pachyderm Forest attraction

LCA and concerned citizens everywhere applauded the appellate court decision and will continue to advocate for Billy's transfer to the PAWS Sanctuary and for the elephant exhibit at the L.A. Zoo to be closed down. The date of November 2, 2010 is set for the trial to begin. Please keep informed to find out how you can help at www.FightBack4Elephants.com.

What You Can Do

- 1) Sign up for action alerts at www.LCAAnimal.org and get active in LCA's FightBack4Elephants campaign and help get the L.A. Zoo's elephant exhibit closed and Billy transferred to the PAWS sanctuary.
- 2) Educate others about the cruelty inherent in zoos. Join a protest or organize your own!
- 3) Only attend animal-free circuses.
- 4) Protest circuses whenever they come to your town.

For more information, contact Campaigns@LCAAnimal.org or call 310-271-6096 x 27



LCA protested the Ringling Bros Circus – The Cruellest Show on Earth at each Los Angeles show in 2009!

KNOW THE TRUTH SAY NO TO THE CIRCUS

LCAAnimal.org

Anaheim 7/15/09 • Los Angeles 7/25/09 • Ontario 8/1/09

SAVE THE CANCUN TIGERS!

Tigers at The Wildlife Animal Sanctuary in Colorado



www.SaveTheCancunTigers.com

LCA has been involved in an effort to rescue and relocate 7 Tigers that have been living for FIVE years in deplorable, substandard conditions, in Cancun, Mexico. They are kept in 12 foot cages, sitting in their own feces, with little or no interaction. They are not fed or given water regularly (they often drink water covered in algae, bugs, and rotten food). The level of neglect is appalling! “Pepe,” the owner, refuses to allow a veterinarian to examine his tigers; consequently they are in dire need of medical attention!

“Pepe” used to own and run a restaurant/hotel in Cancun. Tourists would dine among the caged tigers, and for a fee, get a picture taken with them. When Hurricane Wilma wiped out Cancun in 2004, the restaurant was never re-opened. Consequently, the building they are caged in is in dangerous disrepair. They are malnourished, abused, and in dire need of medical attention!

The Mexican Government wildlife agency, **PROFEPA**, recently reviewed and revoked the UMA license held by Gil Jose Juarez (“Pepe”) after pressure from **GEPDA** (Gente por la Defensa Animal), an animal rights group in Mexico that has been trying to relocate these tigers to **The Wild Animal Sanctuary (TWAS)** in Keenesburg, CO.

The rescue mission was to take place in early September 2009—the Mexican government reneged on their agreement to release and relocate these tigers to TWAS on 9-3-09. They are now talking about sending these already abused animals to a zoo in Mexico City! Pressure needs to be put on the Mexican government to make them honor the original plan: *to release and relocate these tigers to 320 acres of Colorado grasslands at TWAS, where they will be safe and taken care of and get the medical attention they desperately need.*



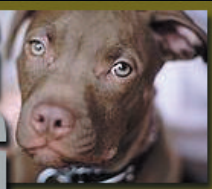
Abused Tigers in Cancun, Mexico

What You Can Do

- 1) Help LCA, GEPDA and TWAS save the Cancun Tigers by putting pressure on the Mexican Government as well as the Mexican Embassies and Consulates all across the U.S. by flooding their offices with emails, telephone calls and letters demanding (politely!) that they release the tigers to TWAS.
- 2) Contact national print, radio and TV news programs and tell them about the terrible existence of these beautiful exotic tigers! The Cancun authorities don't want negative publicity to affect tourism—this desire to avoid negative public perception can be used to pressure them to do the right thing and relocate the tigers to TWAS!

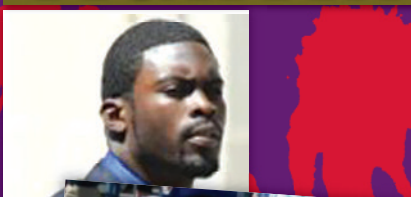
For complete information on who to contact and helpful talking points, please visit: www.SaveTheCancunTigers.com

STOP DOG FIGHTING



HELP PUT AN END TO DOGFIGHTING

COMMENTS ABOUT MICHAEL VICK - BY LCA PRESIDENT CHRIS DEROSE



Michael Vick was released from federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, in May 2009 after serving 19 months at the Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary to serve his remaining two months in "home confinement" at his luxurious five-bedroom sprawling estate in Hampton, Virginia. He was reinstated, with conditions, by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell in July and signed a two year deal with the Philadelphia Eagles in August.

LCA protested dog fighting on November 15, 2009 when Michael Vick and the Philadelphia Eagles played the San Diego Chargers.



Michael Vick Protestors in San Diego

Michael Vick may have paid his legal debt to society — but he has not paid his moral debt. He says he is sorry, but I do not feel his remorse is genuine (i.e. 60 Minutes interview). It is disheartening to see him putting so much time and energy into getting his football career back on track and watching his insincere attempts to convince the public that he understands what he did was wrong.

Let us remember exactly what Vick is apologizing for: the systematic, sadistic torture and killing of countless innocent dogs, via electrocution, hanging, and drowning, by his own hands for years. It is important not to forget the gruesome deaths these animals suffered, by Vick's choice.

If he was truly remorseful, he would do some major soul-searching in order to understand why he chose to inflict such horrific pain and suffering on innocent animals and work with disadvantaged kids, who look up to football "heroes," to turn their lives around. This is an opportunity for him to be a real hero, and a real man — not just a guy that throws a football around. A real man is not afraid to be a role model for peace and compassion.

Before Vick was sentenced in August 2007, I wrote a letter to federal prosecutor Michael R. Gill, proposing that instead of doing time in prison, Vick pay his debt to society in the following ways while being suspended from playing football:

- Educate himself on the issue of animal cruelty and get professional counseling
- Travel nationwide to reach out to and educate other dog fighters, the public and especially young people, about animal cruelty
- Pay a hefty "fine" by donating to pit bull and other animal rescue organizations
- Pledge to donate a percentage of his future income from all sources, including playing football and endorsements, to fund advocacy programs on animal abuse

I know this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Vick to make a tremendous impact nationwide, even worldwide, as all eyes are upon him. By being a positive mentor, he could become the new role model for young kids living in impoverished, disadvantaged neighborhoods, and help put an end to animal abuse. It is never too late to make a real difference for good in this world.

What has he done to redeem himself since he has been released from prison? The nation will be watching to see his dedication, if any, to the cause of animal advocacy and helping teach young people how to treat animals.

Some say that "Vick has served his time and deserves a second chance." I agree with that, but he has been reinstated by the NFL, and signed a multi million dollar contract with the Philadelphia Eagles, just by serving his legal debt to society regardless of whether he has proven himself to be a changed man.

Vick got his second chance in football, with very little effort on his part. It's too bad the dogs he brutally tortured and murdered do not get one; we need to honor them by "remembering" what they went through. When Vick pays his moral debt to society and shows true remorse, then he can be forgiven, but we should never forget the systematic, sadistic torture Vick inflicted on countless dogs with his own hands.

-Chris DeRose



Ex-Sheriff Daniel Presgraves Sentenced To 19 Months In Prison!

LCA's exclusive undercover investigation of the Little Boxwood Cockfighting Pit in Stanley, VA, provided the FBI with crucial information which led to ex-sheriff Daniel W. Presgraves' guilty plea to racketeering on September 3, 2009. Presgraves was sentenced on December 18, 2009 to 19 months in prison during a hearing in U.S. District Court in Harrisonburg. Presgraves will pay a \$1,000 fine, as well as restitution to victims. He has already forfeited \$75,000. Judge Glen Conrad said Presgraves had lost his ability to harm the public by being stripped of his duties as sheriff.



Presgraves addressed the court and said, "I violated the trust of the people of Page County that they placed in me and I'm deeply sorry."

Presgraves was alleged to have taken bribes in exchange for his silence of the cockfighting pit. By pleading guilty, Presgraves avoided going to trial on 21 federal racketeering counts, which included: money laundering, mail fraud, cockfighting-related conspiracy, and violating the civil rights of female subordinates.

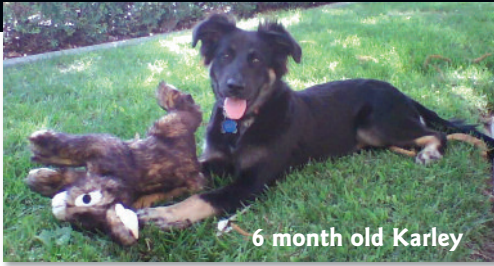
LCA's Special Investigative Unit (SIU) met with the USDA, FBI and the Assistant U.S. Attorney in Roanoke, VA, and turned over pertinent information on Little Boxwood. As a result of this investigation, the Animal Fighting Venture Prohibition law (U.S. Code-Title 7, Chapter 54, Section 2156) was used for the first time in U.S. history.

Pictures of dead chickens, a cockpit, and fight schedules were among the evidence found at the Boxwood Pit, as well as a photo of a "Sheriff's Association Cockfighting Handout."

In 2007, LCA's SIU's undercover investigation was responsible for one of the largest cockfighting busts in U.S. history. LCA's SIU provided the necessary information to the authorities, which led to a raid on a popular cockfighting arena near Van Buren, AR and 76 felony arrests.

"We want to thank Tom Bondurant of the Western District of VA U.S. Attorney's office, the Winchester resident agency of the FBI, the USDA OIG office in Beltsville, MD, the IRS, and the state police who helped with the raid," says Chris DeRose, President and founder of LCA, "This is a notice to all public officials in the U.S. who turn a blind eye on animal fighting."

JUSTICE 4 KARLEY!



6 month old Karley



Glynn Johnson
Riverside Sheriff
Booking Photo

EX-ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF GLYNN JOHNSON SENTENCED FOR FELONY ANIMAL CRUELTY!

April 2, 2010 - Glynn Johnson was finally sentenced after being convicted of felony animal cruelty charges in January. His sentencing included 90 days in jail (to be served on the weekends), 3 years probation and 400 hours of community service working with dogs.

The judge also sentenced Johnson to 16 weeks of anger management classes because he recognized that Johnson had serious anger issues and emotional problems.

LCA and Karley supporters wanted Johnson to get the maximum sentence of 4 years for killing 6 month old puppy Karley. However, this case has been taken further than any other animal cruelty case and Johnson is now a convicted felon; he is not allowed to own a firearm, there is a permanent stay-away order from the Toole family and he is no longer allowed to vote. This felony conviction will follow him for the rest of his life, no matter where he goes.

HISTORY OF THE CASE

On January 26, 2010 Johnson was convicted of felony animal cruelty with special circumstances (maximum penalty of up to 3 years), and use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony (maximum penalty of up to 1 year), for brutally beating 6 month old puppy Karley to death, who belonged to Jeff and Shelley Toole of Riverside, CA.

In November 2008, Karley had gotten out of the Toole's backyard and was being brought back by neighbor Travis Staggs when Johnson offered to bring her back himself. Staggs said he had only taken his eyes off Johnson for a split second when he witnessed the fire chief erupt in violence, punching Karley 10-15 times in the head first with his fist, then with a 12 lb rock. Karley was so severely beaten that she had to be euthanized hours later.

LCA and supporters of Karley held numerous protests and rallies for "Justice 4 Karley!" After Johnson was arrested and charged with two felony counts in December 2008, LCA held a large rally and press conference thanking the DA for bringing charges against Glynn Johnson and asking him to prosecute Johnson to the fullest extent possible by law. LCA also asked L.A. Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman to fire Johnson and to severely restrict his retirement pension.

Johnson's trial began on January 6, 2010. District Attorney Will Robinson's opening statement was made in front of bloody photos of Karley, telling the judge and jury that Johnson attacked Karley in vengeance, after years of fighting with the Toole family. Over the years, Johnson had engaged in shouting matches with the Toole's, using a bullhorn, and had placed dog excrement in their mailbox. Robinson said: "This was not an isolated event. There was a long history of anger and frustration beyond the typical neighbor dispute."

"Without LCA's involvement, we could not have gone on with this case. LCA has given us the strength to keep going. It was from the demonstrations and vigils that LCA organized that convinced the DA to take this case and prosecute," said Shelley Toole. Fellow firefighters showed up at Glynn Johnson's trial with the slogan "Firefighters against Animal Abuse" on their t-shirts.

Sign up for action alerts at www.LCAAnimal.org for info on the civil case against Glynn Johnson as it proceeds as this case is not over yet!

► What You Can Do

- 1) Sign up for LCA's action alerts at www.LCAAnimal.org to receive updates of Justice 4 Karley!
- 2) Report animal abuse in your area to local authorities.



LCA's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is known as "The FBI of Animal Rights."

The SIU functions as the investigative arm of LCA and is focused on validating information, detecting suspect activity, and exposing illegal or unethical activities and reporting them to local, state and/or federal authorities for prosecution or other disposition.

JOIN THE COALITION TO ABOLISH THE ANIMAL ENTERPRISE TERRORISM ACT!

In November 2006, Congress passed and then President Bush signed into law the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA). Proponents of the bill, including animal-exploiting industry groups, corporations and the politicians that represent them, pushed for the passage of the AETA to crack down on "violent" animal and environmental rights extremists—even though there has not been a single death caused by anyone involved in an animal or environmental action. The bill criminalizes legal, constitutionally-protected activity in order to silence political dissent targeting animal/natural resource-abusing industries.

The Coalition to Abolish the AETA seeks an end to the AETA. The coalition consists of a national grassroots network of activists, lawyers, independent journalists and concerned citizens working collaboratively to reverse the erosion of constitutional rights stripped away by the AETA. The Coalition also works to support animal protection advocates and other progressive activists to continue their work despite the chilling effect of the AETA. Join the coalition at www.abolishtheaeta.org

"Please write to animal activists who are serving time in prison. Your letters can provide a lifeline. It is so important that we don't forget those who have done amazing work in the animal rights movement." - Chris DeRose



For more information on the AETA and how to contact imprisoned animal activists, visit www.greenisthenewred.com/blog/?s=prison



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