

State of New York

County of [redacted] ss. [redacted] d. . . . 1958

Name of [redacted]
of [redacted], NY age: 48 years

Occupation: Veterinarian, states as follows:

On [redacted] at approximately 7:00 a.m. in 1958, I was at the [redacted], New York, operated by [redacted]

The houses on one outside and the farm animals such as pigs which were housed indoors appeared to be in generally good condition.

I observed that I estimate to be about 1,000 dogs housed in various types of facilities; some were in a large yard with access to a barn-like building; some were kept in quarters which did not appear to afford an opportunity for outdoor exercise.

In one building, I observed dogs housed with large amounts of fecal material on the floor. There were no food dishes visible. These dogs were being fed food rolls which were scattered on the floor through the fecal material. All were afflicted with severe itching and had hair loss in areas that indicate they have scabs.

In one building, we observed approximately 15 dogs housed in unsanitary, wet, dark, foul-smelling, and overcrowded conditions. Old mattresses had been placed in this converted poultry barn for the dogs to lie on. Unfortunately, these were soaking wet, as was the floor in this building, which was covered with urine and fecal material. Water was available, but the only food visible was some hard rolls scattered on a few of the mattresses. These dogs all had severe itching, probably as a result of scabs and fleas. They were severely emaciated, to the point that these dogs looked like skeletons with skin stretched over them. Many of the dogs were lethargic, huddled in a corner, shivering. All of the dogs have severe hair loss as the result of constant itching. Most importantly, we observed about 10 bodies of dead dogs while we were on the farm. The bodies of the dogs that had died in this barn were being consumed by some of the living dogs. The dogs were fighting over the carcasses. Several dogs had pulled off parts of a carcass and would run off to a corner [redacted] and be unchallenged by another dog. No food, other than the rolls, was visible for the dogs. From the condition of everything, it would seem the animals are extremely hungry.