

State of New York

County of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], DVM

Town of [REDACTED]

of [REDACTED], NY

age: 46 years

occupation: Veterinarian, states as follows:

On [REDACTED] at approximately 9:30 a.m. to noon, I was at the [REDACTED], New York, operated by [REDACTED]

The horses we saw outside and the farm animals such as goats which were housed indoors appeared to be in generally good condition.

I observed what 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 the floor. There were no food dishes visible. These dogs were being fed hard 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 mange.

In one building, we observed approximately 75 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 mange 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 12 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 to eat it unchallenged by another dog. No food, other than the rolls, was visible for the dogs. From the cannibalism occurring, it would seem the animals are extremely hungry.

Upon entry into another building, we had to step over a disemboweled carcass with the head severed that said he didn't get out of the dog pen soon enough. This had been left on the floor with two pieces of cardboard thrown over it.

Many of the dogs on these premises suffer from diarrhea.

Most of the cats I saw are housed in one room. They are overcrowded and underweight. Dry food was visible in pans on the floor. Some cats were using these food pans as litter pans. There were also some cats housed in a room with other animals, including a raccoon, caged in a small, dirty, portable kennel, and peacocks.

In general, the dogs and cats, especially the dogs, are forced to live under horrible conditions. One dog appeared to have frozen to death in a transport kennel that had been left outside in subfreezing conditions next to the trailer home of Mr. Nearby, under a picnic table bench, was the ~~skeletal~~ ^{skeletal} body of a doberman.

Many of the animals are in need of immediate medical attention. A substantial percentage of the dogs are severely afflicted with contagious disease, and are undernourished, debilitated, and are suffering beyond the point where their health can be restored; for them, humane euthanasia would be the only means of offering relief.

Sworn to before me on this

23rd day of [redacted]

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