STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF JOHNSTON

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION CASE NO. 2006 CR 052098

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)	ORDER OF BOND
)	PURSUANT TO NC GEN.STAT. § 19A-70
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This matter, coming before the Honorable Albert A. Corbett, Chief District Court Judge presiding, on this 6th day of April, 2006, on Petitioner's, the Johnston County Animal Shelter, Petition for Bond pursuant to NC Gen. Stat. **c** 19A-70 and upon a review of the petition, the assessment of Dr. Ferris, D.V.M. and all other matters of record, it appearing to the Court that the petition should be granted; in support of its decision, the Courts finds the following:

- 1. The Johnston County Animal Control lawfully removed a total of 47 pit bulldogs, adults and puppies, from the subject property known as 11157 NC Highway 42 East, Middlesex, North Carolina, on the night of February 24, 2006 and placed them in the Johnston County Animal Shelter.
- 2. The Johnston County Animal Shelter, through its counsel, filed a petition for bond pursuant to NC Gen. Stat. § 19A-70 on March 6th, 2006 to recover the costs of caring for the seized dogs.
- 3. On March 31, 2006, Dr. Kelli Ferris, D.V.M. conducted individual assessments as to the visual condition and health of each pit bulldog that was seized and housed at the Johnston County Animal Shelter. The Affidavit of Dr. Ferris's summary and report was filed on April 5, 2006.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, JUDGED AND DECREED, based on the evidence and supporting documentation that has been present before the court:

- 4. That the Johnston County Animal Shelter shall retain in its possession nine (9) of the pit bulldogs in question, those being the dogs with Identification Numbers 11253, 11255, 11382, 11291, 11346, 11349, 11355, 11358 and 11379, as stated in paragraph 3 of Dr. Ferris's Affidavit;
- 5. That the Defendant is ordered to deposit funds with the Clerk of Superior Court in the amount of \$2,500.00, every 30 days, for the reasonable expenses, including medical care, of the dogs remaining in the animal shelter;
- 6. That if the Animal Shelter files an affidavit with the Clerk of Superior Court, at least two

days prior to the expiration of the 30-day period, stating that to the best of the shelter's knowledge, the criminal case against the Defendant has not yet been resolved, this order shall be automatically renewed every 30 days until the criminal case is resolved.

7. That the remaining 37 pit bulldogs will be returned to the Defendant to provide necessary food, water, shelter, and care, including any necessary medical care, for any dogs that are the basis of the charges against the Defendant and until the charges against the defendant are adjudicated. An animal control officer or other law enforcement officer shall make regular visits to the location to ensure that the dogs are receiving necessary food, water, shelter, and care, including any necessary medical care, and shall impound the animals if they are not receiving those necessities pursuant to subsection (f) of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 19A-70.

Respectfully submitted this the	day of April, 2006.
	Honorable Albert A. Corbett, Chief District Court Judge Presiding