

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF JOHNSTON

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

THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Plaintiff

v.

TRISTON ALAN HINSON
Defendant

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AFFIDAVIT

NOW COMES Affiant, being duly sworn, and says:

1. My name is Kelly K. Ferris, D.V.M. and I am an Assistant Professor of Community Practice at the College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University. In addition to my position as a veterinarian and professor of veterinarian medicine, I am and have been for the last six years, a member of the North Carolina Task Force to Abolish Animal Fighting (NCTFAAF). My other experience and qualifications are set out in a resume attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B".
2. On March 31, 2006 I performed an examination and assessment of the 46 Pit Bull Terriers located at the Johnston County Animal Services. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is my complete report of these dogs. For the purposes of this assessment, each dog's individual identification number (ID No.) assigned by the Johnston County Animal Shelter was used to correlate each dog's individual assessment.
3. Nine of the adult dogs showed multiple scarring (being those dogs assigned ID No. 11253, 11255, 11382, 11291, 11346, 11349, 11355, 11358 and 11379). Six of the above referenced dogs injuries were clearly consistent with dog fighting (ID No. 11382, 11291, 11346, 11355, 11358 and 11379). Although the other three dog's injuries may have included wounds from dog fighting at least one dog (ID No. 11349) had injuries that were likely fence injuries. However, comment should be noted that this dog had improperly "home-cropped" ears common in dogs used for dog fighting.
4. Many of the dogs had improper "home-cropped" ears consistent with cropping for fighting dogs rather than conformation dog ear cropping performed in a veterinary hospital under anaesthesia. Several of these dogs had been cropped using improper sutures and cropping techniques. (See for example ID No. 11285, 11293, 11294, 11343 and 11361) It should be noted that four of these dogs are between the ages of 3 months - 5 months.
5. A great many of these animals were in need of immediate veterinarian care and should receive the recommended treatments wherever they are housed. Ticks were found on a

number of dogs and it is recommended that all dogs be treated with Frontline Topspot or a similar medication to prevent exposure to tick borne illnesses. Dogs with Body Condition Scores less than 4 need increased energy in their diet. Puppies should be vaccinated and should be dewormed immediately and again 2 weeks from the date of treatment. In addition, several individual dogs need treatment as specified within the assessment attached as Exhibit "A".

6. It should be noted that a particular severe medical condition (heart murmur) exist for the dog identified by ID No. 11355. The severity of the heart murmur suggest serious cardiac disease. Continued treatment includes an echocardiogram to determine the extent of the disease and make further therapeutic recommendations.

Respectfully submitted, this the _____ day of April, 2006.

Kelly K. Ferris, D.V.M.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, a Notary Public of said State and County, certify that Kelly K. Ferris, D.V.M., personally appeared before me and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official seal, this the _____ day of April, 2006.

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public
