

**OTTER TAIL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INVESTIGATION REPORT**

INCIDENT NUMBER: 08010421
OFFENSE CATEGORY: Animal Welfare
LOCATION OF OFFENSE: 51402 410th St New York Mills, MN
DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: May 2008
DATE/TIME REPORTED: 05/13/08 @ 1409 hrs
DEPUTY: Detective Keith Van Dyke #324

PRINCIPALS:

Complainant
C.A.P.S.
Companion Animal Protection Society in CA
Phone: 339-236-0978 (work)

Suspect
Otter Tail County Puppy Mill
51402 410th St
New York Mills, MN 56567

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SYNOPSIS: See report.

DETAILS:

C.A.P.S. has a complaint about the Otter Tail County Puppy Mill. This is an on-going investigation.

EVIDENCE/ RECORDINGS: N/A

STATUS: Follow-Up Required

Detective Keith Van Dyke #324
Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office
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**OTTER TAIL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION REPORT**

INCIDENT NUMBER: 08010421
OFFENSE CATEGORY: Animal Welfare
COMPLAINANT: Companion Animal Protection Society "C.A.P.S."
DEPUTY: Detective Keith Van Dyke #324

PRINCIPALS: **Complainant**
C.A.P.S.
Companion Animal Protection Society
Founder-work number: 339-236-0978

Suspect
Pick of the Litter Kennels
Bauck, Kathy Jo (Owner)
Dob: [REDACTED]
51402 410th Street
New York Mills, MN 56567
Phone: 218-346-5465 (h)
White adult female

Mentioned
Peters, Corinne Ann
Dob: [REDACTED]
40892 510th Avenue
New York Mills, MN 56567
Phone: 218-346-4741 (h)

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SYNOPSIS: Information received by the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office from an individual working at the Pick of the Litter Kennel indicates possible cruelty to animals and dogs receiving medications by Kathy Bauck who does not have a veterinarian license. See details.

DETAILS:

At 1409 hours, Tuesday, May 13, 2008, I met with an individual (who at this time I will not be placing his name in the report), at the Law Enforcement Center in Fergus Falls. This individual indicated that he is currently employed at the Pick of the Litter Kennels outside of New York Mills. I received at this time four computer disks from this individual who indicated that the disks contained documentation and video of possible cruelty to animals and other violations that he has personally observed at the Pick of the Litter Kennels. This individual informed me that the individual in charge at the kennels is Kathy

Bauck; however, he believed that Kathy Bauck's daughter, Corinne Peters, may actually own the Pick of the Litter Kennels at this time.

I was informed that the disks contain documentation of dogs that were in need of medical care and this medical care was denied; also documentation of Kathy Bauck giving medications such as penicillin and pain killers to dogs which she does not have a veterinary license; and also documentation of dogs ears and tails being cropped by Kathy. There were also allegations that dogs that were in need of medical care were not properly taken care of and no veterinarian was called to look at the animals, which constituted cruelty to animals and animal neglect.

Upon reviewing the CD's that were provided by the Pick of the Litter employee, there was documentation and video tape of animals receiving injuries and not being cared for by a veterinarian. There was documentation of dogs delivering puppies where some of the puppies were dead and the female dog did not receive any kind of medical treatment by a veterinarian. There was also documentation of dogs being dipped into water containing Prolate/Hdlintox-HD where some of the dogs were completely submerged. There was documentation that some dogs were emaciated and some of these dogs were pregnant and nursing puppies.

I found that the documentation provided was very detailed and corresponded with video clips on the CD's. I am aware that there are presently ongoing criminal charges against Kathy Bauck concerning her running the Pick of the Litter Kennels. I would request that this report be forwarded to the County Attorney's Office for review. I have provided the County Attorney's Office with copies of the CD's and a report provided by the employee. Once again I would state that the reason the employee's information will be left off of this report at this time is to protect the employee and once the County Attorney's Office has reviewed this report and if charges are appropriate, I will then complete a follow up report disclosing the employee's personal information. I would request that once this report has been reviewed, that the County Attorney's Office contact me on how best to proceed.

I have also made contacts to the MN Board of Animal Health and to the United States Department of Agriculture. At this time I have not heard back from any of these organizations. Once I have obtained information from these organizations, a follow up report will be completed.

The original CD's received by the employee will be placed with the Sheriff's Office as evidence and a copy of the employee's report will be placed with the case file.

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EVIDENCE / RECORDINGS: (4) computer disks

STATUS: Refer to County Attorney's Office

Detective Keith Van Dyke #324
Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office
KV/ law: 05/28/08 @ 1239 hrs. ADM2 18974

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