

In the District Court – Manukau Office

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Between **The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Auckland (SPCA Auckland)** of 50 Westney Road, Mangere, Auckland, Charity
Applicant

And

[REDACTED]
dog breeders of [REDACTED]
Respondents

This is a legal term, meaning SPCA gets ownership of the dogs.

Affidavit of Greg Reid in support of application for disposal orders pursuant to Animal Welfare Act 1999.

Introduction

- I am swearing this affidavit in support of an application for disposal orders (under section 136A of the Act) in relation to dogs seized during an inspection [REDACTED]. In this affidavit I will set out the costs to SPCA Auckland in relation to caring for these seized dogs.

Costings

- Each dog seized and dogs born to those seized dogs at the SPCA all have individual records. Each record holds each dog's details and have been kept up to date including vet checks, diagnostic results, temperament and behaviour. [REDACTED]
- Board is broken into two charges:
 - \$15 per day when housed at SPCA, this includes daily kennelling, cleaning, socialisation, enrichment, training and general care
 - \$30 per day when housed with an SPCA approved Foster Family, this includes daily cleaning, shelter, foster supplies (crates, collar, leads etc) socialisation, enrichment, training and general care.
- Vet costs consist of any internal veterinary care/medication, diagnostic testing, external veterinary care/medication and diagnostic testing.
- As an estimate Resting Energy Required (RER) was used to calculate total cost of food to SPCA if purchased at retail price.
 - Dogs over 18 months: \$2.80 per day, Dogs 6 – 18 months: \$2.11 per day, Dogs 3 – 6 months: \$3.33 per day.
- Two dogs were pregnant on arrival to SPCA and gave birth to puppies while in SPCA care. Both litters received supplementary feeding due to the dam's inability to fully independently feed. The cost of supplement milk powder for puppies, Superlac, was a one-off additional cost of \$179.40
- Board costs and Vet costs for the adults commenced the day of entry. Although these costs are ongoing, for the purposes of this affidavit I have completed the calculation [REDACTED] 2018.

Calculations

- Vet costs as per each SPCA record **\$28,914.49**. This cost include treatments (Vaccinations, de-fleaing, de-worming), multiple wh veterinary care after hours and diagnostic testing.
 - Board costs from entry date till 31 May 2018: Days in the shelter SPCA record.
 - Board SPCA = **\$36,225.00**
 - Board Foster = **\$81,660.00**
 - Food costs = **\$14,599.22**
- Total costings as at 31 May 2018:
- Adults + Litter 1 + Litter 2 = **\$161,398.78**

This is a excerpt from SPCA Inspector Greg's affidavit to the court.

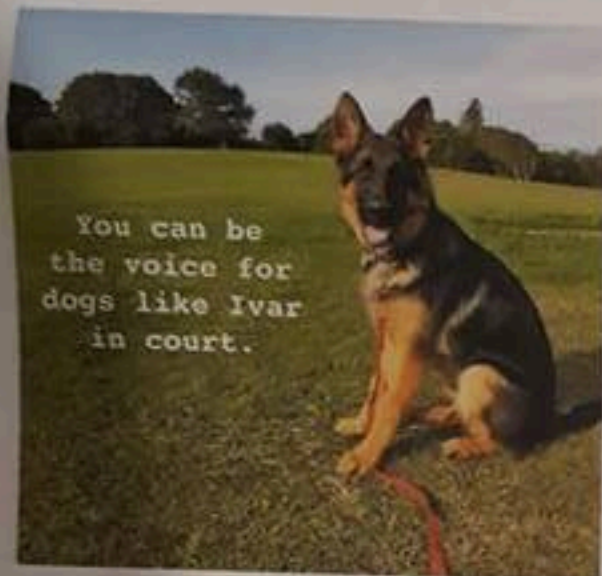
The costs for this case will be well over \$700,000.

SPCA Inspectors have been working on this investigation for several months.

They have executed a search warrant, searched through multiple boxes of evidence, interviewed families who bought dogs from this breeder, and prepared a prosecution file.

Any day now, SPCA will officially hand this file to the courts, and dozens of charges against this breeder under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 will be filed.

Will you please send an urgent gift of \$35 to help care for these dogs and bring their previous owner to court? These dogs won't have a voice without you, Katia.



Because these dogs had little experience living in a home environment, SPCA canine foster coordinator Meike helped find foster families who would look after the dogs and help with their socialisation.

As often happens at SPCA, Meike ended up taking her work home with her:

"I agreed to foster one of the puppies, Ivar, because he needed extra special care. Within two days, my family decided that if we got the chance, we wanted to adopt him as our own."

Katia, I'm so thrilled to share with you that just a few weeks ago, SPCA Inspectors received great news.

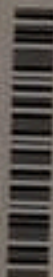
A judge gave SPCA legal ownership of the German Shepherds in our care. Meike called all the foster families to tell them that if they wanted to, they could officially adopt their foster dogs.

"There was a lot of emotion, everyone was so stoked," she says. "One person cried. Ivar was at work with me and I gave him a big hug and squeeze."

"It was definitely a 'thank God' moment. You live with the fear that the case won't go well and I'd have to call all these people and tell them that the dogs they were so invested in and loved so much had to be returned."

"Can you imagine having to send those dogs back to that place? That's something I'd never want to do."

Today, Meike's inbox is full of happy email updates from these families. German Shepherds once confined



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These dogs were betrayed.

You can give them justice.

\$15 helps give shelter, a bed and blankets to dogs in need

Some animals at SPCA are rescued from terrible situations. They have never experienced the love and security of a family.

Your gift will give animals a safe haven and round-the-clock care.

\$78 helps a sick and injured dog receive a veterinary examination

Animals from situations of abuse or neglect often need multiple veterinary examinations, long courses of medication and surgery.

Your gift will help them heal and become healthy for their forever home.

\$385 helps find a dog a new loving home

Sadly many of the dogs at SPCA have never experienced the joy of being part of a family. They've been ignored, forgotten or unwanted.

Your gift will change that. You'll help an animal find the home they deserve – one where they are loved, safe and protected.