

secretary

From: Greg Reid <greg.reid@sPCA.org.nz>
Sent: Friday, 20 April 2018 11:39 a.m.
To: 'Peter Dunne'
Subject: RE: Assistance with our investigation

Hi Peter
Sorry for the delay

Carolyn's email as follow

Carolyn.Robinson@tvnz.co.nz

I haven't had a full briefing with her yet but she is aware of some of the sensitivities around this case. She is looking to interview me as a part of the story next week and she will have some footage that we have provided her. Because we are going to air before the trial / prosecution there are some constraints re what we can say and we will be running the footage being considered before our lawyers first so we don't compromise the case.

Carolyn is aware of the three big ticket items for the SPCA which are

1. The conditions and treatment of the dogs/ puppies and our stance re cruelty/ ill-treatment and the charges that are likely to be applied in our prosecution
2. The puppy farming angle incl. the 'intentionally breeding from dogs with known genetic disorders' purely to pump out numbers for financial gain which will also be the subject to additional charges
3. A future strategy regarding the kennel/ daycare/ cattery inspection/ assessment regime that the SPCA is looking at implementing

Carolyn will no doubt want to touch on these 3 angles with you, and you can guess what some of her questions might be for your org. I have explained to her that you have been very cooperative and supportive and how your hands are in some respects tied as the allegations and info isn't public yet but that you would not condone what we are going to expose. Re 3 above I have said that the SPCA would want to work with DogsNZ as a key stakeholder in terms of this project.

We will be looking to supply Becky with some detailed info with respect to the above , when she comes up on the 10th May and as she is being formally contracted in her capacity as a exec member of your org I would have thought that would enable you to look at how your org responds to this issue in a formal way – happy to take advice from you in that regard (for example do you want me to lay a formal complaint against a member?). I have not told Carolyn that Becky is involved as a subject matter expert in our prosecution – I didn't think that appropriate at this point

Finally – we are awaiting a date from the court for a fixture to hear the disposal order application. This is a process (Section 136A of the Animal Welfare Act) where we can apply to the court to have animals that we seize permanently transferred to our ownership prior to the commencement of criminal proceedings. It is designed to allow us to dispose of animals (sell, rehome etc.) appreciating the actual prosecution may take several months or even years to conclude. Glover/ Wallace have indicated they will challenge our application but we hope to have this before a judge before the end of May. This will while being a civil matter create a 'public exposure' which will probably coincide with Carolyn's story being aired. That is what we are looking at I think.

Any questions sing out – have a great weekend
Cheers
Greg