

September 27, 2010

12:45

Mr. Craig Grant

Caboodle Ranch

711 Benchmark Drive

Lee, FL 32059

Jamie
Call Dr. Lewis
973 6936

regarding Craig Grant

Dear Craig:

It is obvious to this department that you are a very dedicated and determined individual. We are aware that you devote a lot of time and energy towards the care and maintenance of your sanctuary located at 711 Benchmark in Lee FL known as the Caboodle Ranch.

If you remember, I Jamie Willoughby, Director of Madison County Animal Control as well as Laura Bevins from the HSUS, Dr. Julie Levy from the University of Florida, Tina Demotsis from the Madison County Sheriff's office and Dr. John Lewis our local veterinarian visited your operation in response to multiple citizen complaints received by my office. In April of 2009 Dr. Levy brought her team in shortly after that visit and took samples from 20 of the sick cats found at the ranch. Her findings showed that all of the sick cats tested positive for multiple Gastrointestinal Pathogens. As a team we came together and drew up a 30 day order to show care that was witnessed and signed off on by a local judge. To our delight you responded in a positive manner when you received the order and immediately implemented most of the suggestions therein. Great improvement was seen during and after the 30 days was up. Dr. Lewis and I both visited the ranch during this period and we were impressed to see the amount of improvement to the overall health of the cats.

However it has recently been brought to my attention that things could be taking a turn for the worse on the ranch. I have been getting reports from visitors and volunteers that:

1. The majority of cats are again showing signs of upper respiratory illness.
2. There are cats being born on the ranch due to some of them not being spayed and/or neutered.
3. You are continuing to take in more cats.
4. The overall cleanliness of the ranch is not up to standards.
5. You are refusing the help of volunteers when offered.
6. The perimeter fence to contain the cats is not up yet.

These are a few of the complaints that have been reported to my office by different individuals over the last few weeks. I am concerned about the future of your program. I feel that you are taking on too much at one time and without the proper help you are unable to keep up with the demands that are vital to a properly run sanctuary. We addressed these issues in the order to show care and yet these issues still remain. At this point in time you are in direct violation of the court order. It is my hope that we can again address these issues and bring your operation up to the standards that I know you yourself would like to see for the Caboodle Ranch. I am still willing to help you in any way I can. As always you can call me on my office phone at 850-973-6495 or on my cell phone at 850-510-1082.

Thank you.

Jamie Willoughby

Madison County Animal/Mosquito Control