

WEBSITE PROJECT

SIMILARITIES IN TEXAS RAIDS:

1. seizure warrants issued by Justice of the peace with no description of what to seize other than "animals" "dogs" etc. as required by law;
 2. Most hearings held as non-appealable or appealable to county court only;
 3. Usually no search warrants issued;
 4. media active participants resulting in slander, threats, etc.
 5. Stealing from premises is commonplace;
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1. Alan & Lois Brown
[REDACTED] (near San Antonio)
[REDACTED] Tx. 78114 RANCH & KENNEL RAID

Raid participants arrived in a caravan with deputy's. Raid stopped by his vet. Rancher's cattle had been poisoned the night before. Case filed in federal court. Media slander was on-going. Raid affected couple mentally, emotionally, physically & financially;

2. Claude & Brenda Brewer
[REDACTED] Tx. 1997 Collin County
RANCH RAID

Cattle seized by SPCA of Tx. and several killed who were under vet care. Media were raid participants and displayed owners in area newspapers with deliberate slander & lying. Cattle were returned to owner who were deeply affected. Case filed in federal court;

3. Morris & Sherri Jo Berend
Oak Grove Kennel [REDACTED] SPCA OF TX.
[REDACTED] Wise County
[REDACTED] Tx. 76234 2006 (Jack Russell & rat terriers)

Raid victim was Decatur animal control officer. She maintained kennel on 90 acre ranch & was involved with rescue work. Most dogs sold for \$185 ea. (over \$37,000). Raid victim became a continued target for harrassment;

4. Peggy Boyd
[REDACTED] 8/11/09 HSUS
[REDACTED] Tx. 75147 Kaufman County

Approx. value of large kennel: \$150,000. Victim was a kennel owner for 45 years. Media slander is on-going and victim is a continued target. Affect on family: filed for bankrupcy

5. Katherine Dye
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Tx. 78617

no warrant kennel raid. husband disabled due to raid

6. Brandy Redwine
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Tx. 75169 Van Zandt County 7/04 SPCA OF TX.

Seized were 53 dogs, 10 cats, 6 ducks and 2 guinea pigs. Victim was diagnosed with liver cancer. She maintained a small kennel & was involved with rescue work. Raid carried out by known felon, Dave Garcia (rape, kidnaping & multiple DWI). "It was like being invaded by Mexico; they stole everything they could lay their hands on:" (statement made by husband). Famous picture of pile of animal bones was shown in court. This has been used by SPCA periodically). Media was active participant at raid & displayed victim's name & address so she could be terrorized by hate calls.

7. Charles & Mary Smith FARM RAID, KENNEL, cats, birds & horse
 [REDACTED] 2004 SPCA OF TX.
 FUZZCRAFT FARM
 [REDACTED] Tx. 75161
 Van Zandt County

Raid carried out by felon, Dave Garcia. Victim's 2 adopted children taken during raid & held for 6 weeks. Value of animals: over \$100,000. Dogs sold for \$185 ea. PETA involved with raid. Statement: "my mother lives in a separate house on the farm. When the paramilitary raid occurred she was so petrified she hid in her bathroom with her two cats in the dark, weeping, shaking in fear and clinging to her pets. She is almost 80"

8. Lynda Williams [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Van Zandt County
 [REDACTED] Tx. 75103

88 animals were taken by the SPCA of Tx. July 1, 2004. They included 37 dogs, 26 cats, 22 barbado sheep, 1 rabbit and 8 wolf hybrids. The SPCA priced the animals as follows: large dogs \$90 ea. small dogs: \$185 ea. cats: \$80 ea. sheep \$50 ea. rabbit \$25 ea. or approx. \$8,000 not counting donations. (According to a newspaper report). Lynda's vet gave testimony at the hearing. He had been on the property the day before the raid. Felon, Dave Garcia, carried out the raid and gave testimony as in other Van Zandt Co. raids. The SPCA kept the animals in pet crates for over 8 hrs. inside a stock trailer in the hot sun according to owner. On-going slander called the raid victim a "puppy mill" and "a hoarder"

9. Robert Seitz [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] kennel raid, Lamar County, July 1997
 [REDACTED] Tx. 75477
 [REDACTED] Lamar Co. Humane Soc.

The headlines read: "49 dogs seized at home were eating each other". The raid victim conveyed that animal activists waited for his wife to die of cancer in the hospital (she died in his arms), then told him: "If you want to plan your wife's funeral, sign the dogs over to us"; otherwise you're going to jail." He was in severe shock and grief and could not believe they would seize his small kennel and put something like this in the paper. "my dogs were never vicious to humans or each other". A Humane soc. was involved with the seizure raid, 28 dogs were adults, 21 were puppies. The raid victim went into hiding and is believed to be deceased.

10. Sheryl Ezell [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] cell: [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] 75057

The raid victim was raided the first time in 1998 for taking sick homeless puppies to a local vet for medical care. The radical vet turned her into authorities. The home invasion robbery left her with severe post traumatic stress and shock. She couldn't work and went to poverty level existence. In 2001 they located her and broke into her home. They took a video of her nude getting out of her shower and displayed her thru the media. She was living with no running water and electricity, dependent on a neighbor. Instead of helping her the city filed code violations against her. She lost her home and is in hiding. She is not a breeder but enjoyed helping homeless animals.

11. Julia McMurrey SPCA OF TX. Smith County
 Paws Around the Planet [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Tx. 75711

"When they got a name, they would fight to live" was the motto of the director of this non-profit canine rescue. "Her specialty was the impossible cases waiting to be euthanized at the shelters; the boney bald ones everyone quickly gave up on" How dare they receive donations that the SPCA thought they deserved!

Julia McMurrey, cont.

On September 11, 2003 the SPCA of Texas raided the 10 acre private property. Their "rescue" was to kill eighty dogs! The media slander was on-going to solicit donations, even over-seas. In court, altered enlarged digital pictures were shown which resembled "ET". The same felon, Dave Garcia, carried out the raid and was a witness in the court room, as in similar raids done by the SPCA of Tx. Stealing took place during the raid and poisoning occurred on this property prior to the raid. The raid victim lives in daily fear! Her life will never be the same.

12. Jerry Mack Reynolds Aug. 2001 Liberty County Tx.
 [REDACTED] Tx. SPCA

20 dogs, 8 cats, a rabbit and a squirrel were confiscated in 2001 from a small rescue facility. Such raids are common in the Houston area. One Justice of the peace and 1 deputy work closely with the SPCA there and take care of all animal cases. Raid victims are being threatened with criminal charges unless they sign over all animals in their care. No probable cause is needed; vague Texas health & safety codes are used as a basis for the home invasion robberies taking place.

13. Jan & Ken Winters Williamson County
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Tx. 78681 Phone [REDACTED]
 2 kennel raids Aug 31 07 &
 Sept. 5 07

Raids done by SPCA, animal control & local police. Media was present at time of raid. JP is said to be licenced atty. who used vague health & safety codes and made raids "non-appealable". No criminal charges are believed to be filed. Wife is a cancer victim and passed away Oct. 18 08. Her husband was handcuffed at time of first raid. Hearings were held 7th Sept. & 11 th Sept. \$1,000 charged for care of dogs seized. Approx. 30 small purebreds were taken in first raid. Second raid-dogs did not belong to them but were believed to be her sisters. The JP awarded all dogs to SPCA even though he knew dogs in 2nd raid were not owned by Winters. Adult protective services were called in to investigate elderly parents & CPS called in because they have an 8 year old who is very upset and wants "her puppy". Kennel owners home is on 1/4 acre in town. Raids were carried out over anonymous complaints. This was no ordinary kennel with runs & cages. Dogs slept in bedrooms with family members. One dog was in labor when seized. Family was devastated and wife's medical condition deteriorated. Harrassment continued after raids. Husband may be living in Austin ([REDACTED] Austin [REDACTED])

14. Maggie Pets Kennel Husband 82 yrs old
 Carol Heddin et ux Cloyce 30 yrs. kennel owner
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Tx. 76230 Ranch w/ cattle & kennel
 [REDACTED] Eric Heddin, son, [REDACTED]

Attorney: Tracy Jennings, [REDACTED]

Elderly couple were awoken by sheriff & deputy's breaking into their home by kicking the door in. (Sheriff Paul Cunningham PO Box 127, Montague, Tx. 76251 phone: (940) 894-2491) The sheriff planned the raid:

- a. contacted the justice of the peace for seizure warrant;
 - b. called 4 news media stations & asked them to be there;
 - c. contacted Humane Soc. of No. Tx. who sent 3 trucks & 50 personnel;
 - d. sheriff & deputy's dismantled computers and were seen carrying them from home. Also stolen: records of dogs, bank statements from 5 yrs, family jewelry valued at \$10,000, Heddin's medications
- Carol Heddin was forced to get dressed in front of male deputy's. On-going media slander resulted in death threats made to Heddins.

Justice of the peace hearing was held July 17, 2009 as a "civil in Rem property forfeiture case". Prosecutor was Don Feare, "special prosecutor for animal cases; professor of animal law, Tx. Wesleyan school of law". Value of kennel was stated to be \$300,000 to \$500,000. The animal activists admitted coming on the property disguised as prospective purchasers to help plan the raid. Approx. 481 dogs were taken from kennel which had 8 to 10 employees. Owners & employees did not recognize some of the pictures shown them, believed to be from Humane Society files routinely used from other cases. Carol Heddin did rescue work and called them "drop off dogs". She stated that "they are not part of my kennel". Prosecution built the case around pictures, many were the drop off dogs. Terminology such as puppy mill, diseased animals, malnourished, cruel confinement, feces, urine, etc were stated. 74 dogs from the kennel were taken to Atlanta GA by the Atlanta Humane Soc. "Humane Emergency Animal Rescue Team" (HEART), on July 20, three days after the hearing. They were described as "well socialized and in good condition". Their price was listed as \$250 each or \$18,500.00.

SUMMARY: The justice of the peace ordered \$40,000 to be paid to the Humane Society and \$525 to the county. All dogs except family pets were awarded to the Humane Soc. In the state of Texas, a justice of the peace has jurisdiction to \$10,000. A justice of the peace court can not legally hear a "civil in rem property forfeiture case" with no criminal charges.

15. Kelley Saveika has federal charity 501C3 cat rescue
 [REDACTED] raid occurred Nov. 07
 [REDACTED] Tx. 78760 Atty: Lance Scott [REDACTED]
 Phone [REDACTED]
 E mail [REDACTED]

Raid victim used low cost spay/neuter clinic who turned her in to police when a cat died following surgery. Two detectives & Austin animal control came with seizure warrant, took cats and ransacked her home. She was given 8 days from raid until JP hearing. She could not find a knowledgeable attorney. The seizure warrant was full of inaccuracies. She had to pay over \$3,000 and was able to get 3 cats back. She was arrested later and posted personal bond. She was able to find a good attorney. She is now on SS disability due to post traumatic stress. She lost her job due to media slander. She has received hate E mails; her life has been threatened and tires slashed. Victim is one of several raids done to non profit cat rescues in the Austin area.