



TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
ON 26.06.2008

[REDACTED] This morning it's the 26th June and it's about 9.40. I'm speaking to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] surname [REDACTED] and that's [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yes

[REDACTED] And [REDACTED] you have got no problem that I'm taping the conversation here

[REDACTED] No

[REDACTED] My name is [REDACTED]. I work for [REDACTED] and as I explained to you I am
up here doing an investigation on behalf of MAP relating to allegations that have been
made by a party against [REDACTED]. Now [REDACTED] your home address is

[REDACTED] Sorry (coughing) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] And I believe the phone there is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yes

[REDACTED] And [REDACTED] are actually tied up with the [REDACTED] of the
RSPCA

[REDACTED] Yes we are.

[REDACTED] In what roles?

[REDACTED] OK well [REDACTED] to be the [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yes

[REDACTED] And, and I am [REDACTED] and have been for about three years.

[REDACTED] OK. Now as [REDACTED], what does that mean for us uninitiated?

[REDACTED] It means I am limited in powers as to what I can do when I go out, um I go out in the
field and answer calls, I'm an [REDACTED]. I can go out and make suggestions to
people on how they should care for their animals. I can't uplift animals and I can and
do in circumstances have animals euthanized if they are in severe distress or if nothing
else can be done for them.

[REDACTED] Certainly so probably, if we talk about demarcation of lines of seniority

[REDACTED] Yes I am

[REDACTED] Underneath the inspectors

[REDACTED] Yes I am underneath the inspectors. The inspector is the chief honcho.

[REDACTED] Yes (telephone ringing in background) Do you want to grab that I'll just go and put this on pause.

[REDACTED] Good morning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] All right we are back up and running again [REDACTED]
Now you were just telling me that you sit under the inspector and you have not as many powers obviously because [REDACTED] who can go and get warrants and things like that.

[REDACTED] That's right and [REDACTED] can uplift animals from properties. He has or she has the power to order people to do certain things.

[REDACTED] Yes

[REDACTED] And I don't have any of those powers.

[REDACTED] Sure - how long have you been doing this?

[REDACTED] About three years.

[REDACTED] About three years.

[REDACTED] Three to four years.

[REDACTED] And predominantly in a voluntary role I believe as well.

[REDACTED] Yes. Yes. I have only just started to be paid for two days a week and the rest is still voluntary.

[REDACTED] Right. Now there are a couple of incidents that I have been told about where you know that things that [REDACTED] has done which you know there's speculation, rumour, call it what you will, that things weren't done as they should be.

[REDACTED] Mm

One of them was a horse that was out towards [REDACTED] somewhere.

Yeah at, yeah [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] yeah. Tell us about that.

Well what actually happened there. At that particular time I was just specifically the liaison between the [REDACTED] and the inspectors, meaning [REDACTED] at the time.

And I believe that was because of problems between [REDACTED]

Yes definitely. They never went out to the kennels and so the committee wanted someone to liaise between the two and that happens to be me.

Yes

Meat in the sandwich.

Lucky old you.

Lucky old me and there was a new inspector as well.

Yeah [REDACTED] or is it [REDACTED]

Um, so I can't remember off the top of my head what day or but it was some months ago.

Yes

I think it was about February or March I had a phone call from [REDACTED] out at the kennels. She had had a call that had gone through directly to her from a woman who apparently was an inspector for the SPCA down in [REDACTED] and she was driving through the [REDACTED] on her way back to [REDACTED] and had seen this horse hanging from a tree.

Yeah.

Its hooves weren't actually touching the ground. It had a tarp over it, its head was exposed, it was pouring with rain and apparently the horse was alive.

█ Yes

█ Hanging from a tree by the side of the road. So █ had phoned through to me because obviously she didn't have a relationship with the █

█ Yeah.

█ And she said "We need someone to go out" and I said "Yeah I think you are right. This is a job for an █"

█ Yeah

█ "This is serious and a problem". So I said I would phone up █ myself.

█ Yes

█ So I immediately put the phone down from █ and immediately phoned up █ and I got him at home and I think it would probably be about half past five-ish.

█ Yeah

█ In the evening and I phoned █ up and I told the story. I told █ that █ had phoned me up, she had a complaint come through from a lady passing by the █ a horse tied up the road and I said "I am phoning you up because this is really important and it is an inspector's job".

█ Yeah

█ And █ said to me that quite often people hang their dead carcasses out for the horses to be picked up by the truck. (music sounded) Sorry.

█ That's all right. We will pause it again. (Interruption).

█ OK we are back recording again.

█ OK.

█ And so you were just saying that █ told you that how some people hang their carcasses.

█ █ out for, you know, the trucks come along and pick 'em up.

[REDACTED] Yeah

[REDACTED] Dead animals and I had said to [REDACTED] that the lady who phoned in complained and said that the animal was not dead and apparently she was an inspector at the RSPCA in [REDACTED] and I thought that she would know if the animal was dead or not.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

[REDACTED] And I said that I thought someone needed to go out and it has to be an inspector

[REDACTED] Yeah.

[REDACTED] At that point there was complete silence on the other end of the phone. So much so that I thought

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] had hung up.

[REDACTED] No that we had been cut off and I went, "Oh, Oh, are you there". And he says "Yes but I wish I wasn't".

[REDACTED] Yeah

[REDACTED] And I said "So are you going to deal with it" and [REDACTED] said "Yes I will deal with it". And that was the end of the conversation.

So I put the phone down happily thinking that [REDACTED] is going to deal with it. And the following day I was going out with the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr

[REDACTED] To the kennels because we do the voluntary cleaning on a Friday and so we went out there all togged out to clean.

[REDACTED] Yes

[REDACTED] And got there and [REDACTED] came leaping out the house going "Do you know what happened about that horse" because she was furious.

[REDACTED] Yes

[REDACTED] And she is a colourful character and we were like "Aw, no" and she said [REDACTED] (8.14) found him, [REDACTED] found him.

[REDACTED] Right

[REDACTED] (8.18).... because when I told [REDACTED] on the phone that there it was in the [REDACTED] and exactly where it was hung up.

[REDACTED] Yeah

[REDACTED] said "Oh yeah I think I know whose horse it is". You know, [REDACTED] known to us

[REDACTED] Yeah

[REDACTED] And [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] thought it was [REDACTED] Not that that meant anything to me at the time.

[REDACTED] Yeah

[REDACTED] So I'm going back to arriving at [REDACTED] because she came out jumping up and down.

[REDACTED] Yes

[REDACTED] And saying that [REDACTED] had phoned him, [REDACTED] phoned the criminal.

[REDACTED] Yeah

[REDACTED] And there was a lady there, [REDACTED] her name was.

[REDACTED] Mm

[REDACTED] Who had come from up there because she had driven by in the morning and saw the horse still hanging there.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

[REDACTED] So we went into [REDACTED] took a statement.

[REDACTED] Oh, OK.

[REDACTED] From this woman.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

[REDACTED] And then we decided we would go out there ourselves.

[REDACTED] Was the horse still alive at that stage or did [REDACTED] say that she thought it was still alive or.

I can't remember to be quite honest and the best person to be asking would be [REDACTED] on that because she took a statement and we are pretty sure that it was still alive otherwise I don't think we would have bothered going so I'll say "Yes".

Yeah.

And so what we did was we were driving over there and we decided to phone the vet.

Yeah.

Because we thought it would be advantageous to have the vet there.

OK

And from hearing stories. So we got down there and we didn't see the horse.

Yeah.

And we met the vet and the vet said that [REDACTED] had taken the horse back up to [REDACTED] property. So we drove up with the vet to [REDACTED] house.

Yeah.

And [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were at the house and the horse was on the ground outside the house.

Mm

Covered in tarp and when we pulled the tarp back, [REDACTED] had shot it through the head and there was a gantry there as well and [REDACTED] had had the horse strung up on the gantry.

Yeah.

Because [REDACTED] said you know the horse couldn't walk so they took the tractor down.

Mm

And [REDACTED] took the horse down from the tree that had been hanging there for apparently several days

Did [REDACTED] say why [REDACTED] had done that.

Um, now what was his excuse. Oh [REDACTED] had tied it up, it was a yearling [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had tied it up to the post and it had pulled back, pulled back, fallen over, fell down

and knocked itself out on the post, hit itself on the post, you know, but we had people there saying that [REDACTED] had hit it with a bit of, a huge plank of wood because [REDACTED] was trying to break it in and [REDACTED] gets really angry with [REDACTED] horses

[REDACTED] Mmm

[REDACTED] And so it wasn't doing what [REDACTED] wanted it to do so [REDACTED] swiped it around the head with a piece of wood.

[REDACTED] Yes.

[REDACTED] Now we weren't there and the people who were telling us about this - nobody everybody was afraid of him.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

[REDACTED] Because he is a known criminal.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

[REDACTED] And [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yeah

[REDACTED] But of course [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sure

[REDACTED] Any way we got up there and they had shot the horse just before we got there.

[REDACTED] And I think it was because the vet had phoned him up.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

[REDACTED] So they had dashed in, cut the horse down from the tree, shoved it on a tractor, and took it up to the house. He said he had done it the night before.

[REDACTED] Mm but you know it was still alive because [REDACTED] had seen it, she had seen it that day any way. <laughter> Yeah.

█ And so the horse got shot.

█ Mm.

█ You know I am not sure that it would have been shot if he didn't know that we were coming.

█ Right.

█ So he shot the thing.

█ Mm.

█ And his partner would sit there and she won't say anything, she just agreed to absolutely everything he says because she was abused by him he is now in prison.

█ Hasn't she, hasn't she now sent a letter though saying she doesn't want anything to do with the horses or something.

█ Oh I don't know. I try, you know.,

█ OK

█ I can't be bothered to keep track of all of any of that. That's what happened.

█ OK.

█ I mean, I was annoyed at what happened.

█ Well, what do you think should have been done.

█ What I think should have happened is █ should have gone out. If I, if I had had the call,

█ Yeah.

█ Sent to me as an █ and there was nobody else I could pass it to this is what I would have done. I would have phoned up the Police and got a Policeman or woman to come along with me because just by virtue of the fact that they were a Policeman or woman they have inspector's rights.

█ Exactly

So I would have taken a Policeman along with me. I would have gone along there and I wouldn't have bothered phoning [REDACTED]

Mm

I mean you don't phone a criminal, for goodness sake, you know, I would have gone along and taken a Policeman with me.

Yeah.

Now I would have

And should have been done immediately or not

Yeah when you think a horse is hanging from a tree and has been apparently for at least 24 hours before.

Mm

Then, I think, it needs to have somebody there immediately either to cut it down and administer veterinary care or to have it euthanized.

Yeah.

You know because we are supposed, you know, prevent suffering, unnecessary suffering. And for somebody who [REDACTED] should have gone out there. [REDACTED] should have gone out there. You don't phone a criminal and someone who has been prosecuted by the SPCA – that is my personal opinion – and my opinion as [REDACTED] for

What I was going to actually ask [REDACTED] last night and also [REDACTED] if they knew, priorities if you get a call you have got to be there within a certain time or not.

No not as far as I know.

Right so there is not a thing that says if you have got an incident like you have just described you have got to see it within X hours.

I don't think that there is anything written down.

Right

I haven't done my inspector's training so, you know the training I have is very basic.

[REDACTED]

Yeah

[REDACTED]

So I don't know if they give you like super duper information like that when you do your inspector's training

[REDACTED]

Sure

[REDACTED]

And they are all busy you know. We haven't been given any information like that and as far as I am aware there isn't a specific time limit.

[REDACTED]

So who actually trained you.

[REDACTED]

I went out on the road with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Yeah

[REDACTED]

Yeah so [REDACTED] was training me. I mean [REDACTED] does have a lot of knowledge.

[REDACTED]

And so [REDACTED] trained you did [REDACTED]. Can you think of other occasions where similar incidents have happened when you have been with [REDACTED] what [REDACTED] has done or not done.

[REDACTED]

No.

[REDACTED]

No

[REDACTED]

Not when I have been with [REDACTED], no there are things that maybe I would have handle differently.

[REDACTED]

Yeah what I am saying is.

[REDACTED]

When I have been with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] does something like that.

[REDACTED]

Yeah has a call come in like that and [REDACTED] says "Crikey we have got to go and have a look at this" that scenario.

[REDACTED]

No.

[REDACTED]

No.

[REDACTED]

I will tell you what's actually, when I have been with [REDACTED] they have usually got a hand picked calls for the day.

[REDACTED]

All right

[REDACTED]

The day's already been mapped out.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Yeah
And so there will be a call here, there and everywhere.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Yeah
And I don't think I have ever been on a call where we have actually done anything really.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

OK.
And

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

How many emergency calls would you field in a week.
Mm, not many.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Not many.
Not many.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

OK
And what would you call an emergency.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

That's
Life threatening.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Yeah that sort of call
Maybe not even one a week. Maybe.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Right, OK.
You know

[REDACTED]

So we are not talking about a thing that is happening every second day or anything like that are we.

[REDACTED]

No

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

When you are going to be called out from home because you have got to go.
No, I mean, [REDACTED] are no longer working with the SPCA.

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[REDACTED]

Yeah.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], the [REDACTED] and myself do all the calls.

[REDACTED]

Yeah

[REDACTED]

And we share the on-call as well.

[REDACTED]

Yes

[REDACTED]

And we have been getting an idea of how many calls are coming through because prior to us moving the office here everything was again in [REDACTED] house.

[REDACTED]

Right

[REDACTED]

You know they answered the calls, the office is at [REDACTED] house, everything is at [REDACTED] house, in fact quite a few of the office stuff is still at [REDACTED] house.

[REDACTED]

Sure

[REDACTED]

And we are, you know awaiting its return. So everything happens in [REDACTED] house. So people basically need to know.

[REDACTED]

Yeah and how, in your experience then since you have been doing that I think it is only since May isn't it, so its virtually a month and a half/two months, how many calls when you have been on call have you had to answer.

[REDACTED]

Not many.

[REDACTED]

OK

[REDACTED]

Oh we have people phoning up but minor stuff, you know, making an enquiry, you know, or where can I get a cat from or do you know I have got a stray cat and its in a cage and can we hand it in, you know - we organise that.

[REDACTED]

No I'm saying "Here's an animal welfare situation can you deal with it for me".

[REDACTED]

Emergency - I have been out in the last two weeks, I went out on two calls I went out on my own call the other night.

[REDACTED]

Yeah.

█ And it's obviously been hit by a car and, and the week before I went out to a dog on the side of the road that had been hit by a car.

█ So that's one a week.

█ Yeah but I might not have any for the next three weeks. I mean because we have been on call

█ What about █ how does, how many █ fielding do you think

█ Um, I don't think she goes out on many either. We both went out on a horse call a month or so ago.

█ Yeah

█ A horse is running loose.

█ Yeah

█ You know which isn't really our job any way

█ It's more a ranger's job.

█ Yeah a ranger's job but you know hey it's round the corner from where I live.

█ Yeah and people will ring you because they know that.

█ Yeah

█ That you might go out.

█ Exactly sometimes it's a bit difficult getting hold of people you know so.

█ All right.. OK. So let's get back focussed where we are at the moment. Is there any other incident or anything like that that you know about or that you have witnessed where you think things haven't been done as they should.

█ Um, well nothing I could say, um, that would be like hard concrete case.

█ OK

█ I mean there's a lady who has an ongoing cat problem █ and, oh she called because she's got a cat problem.

[REDACTED]

Yes

At her house and has had for years and we have been trying to get it under control.

[REDACTED]

Yes

And there was a cat there that I ended up trapping and the cat was called [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Yes

And [REDACTED] has been beamed up.

[REDACTED]

Yes OK.

[REDACTED]

And called out there and we trapped him and he had got one eye which was all glazed over and a mess.

[REDACTED]

Yes

[REDACTED]

The face was a bit of a mess really and so I didn't actually ask what's happened to him but she said "Oh that's the one that [REDACTED] shot". And I looked and she said "Well what happened was we had so many cats that we got from I think it was her husband's friend came out to shoot them.

[REDACTED]

Yes.

[REDACTED]

And this one I think got shot, but didn't get shot properly.

[REDACTED]

Yeah

[REDACTED]

And so she called in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] came around to do a cull, that was the word she used.

[REDACTED]

Yeah

[REDACTED]

And, and to give her a hand and shot [REDACTED] and.

[REDACTED]

Shot [REDACTED] who had been shot before by the other guy.

[REDACTED]

Yeah I think so, yeah but it must be like, you know, maimed slightly you know.

[REDACTED]

Yeah.

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And [REDACTED] was still there the next day and [REDACTED] was going to come around to finish it off.

Mm

And [REDACTED] came and shot some other ones as well - cull you know.

Yeah.

And apparently [REDACTED] shot [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] staggered off into the bush and [REDACTED] said to [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was 99% sure that [REDACTED] had killed her.

Yeah

And that's when she said "But oh he came upstairs later with all this blood around his mouth and everything, his eye was all you know munted as they say.

Yeah

And [REDACTED] survived.

Yeah and you managed to trap him.

Oh, yeah, I actually picked him up and put him in the trap. Actually picked [REDACTED] up there was, and we took some traps and there were quite a few and he was, you know, walking, I just walked up behind him, grabbed him by the scruff of the neck. Picked him up by his butt and put him in there.

OK.

And then [REDACTED] was euthanized at the vet.

Yeah. Righto. OK. Any other ones.

Well you will probably about to interview [REDACTED] I know and I am sure you probably heard about the dog scenario where [REDACTED] shot the dog, euthanized, [REDACTED] was going to euthanize these dogs and [REDACTED] was with [REDACTED]

Yeah

And I think it was three dogs and he shot a dog and [REDACTED] said the dog wasn't dead.

Yeah.

And [REDACTED] said "Oh yeah, yeah it was" and she said "It wasn't". And so [REDACTED] shot, I think [REDACTED] shot it three times in the end.

Yeah.

She was incredibly distressed and crying and she came to see me. And she was very upset at the way that [REDACTED] had killed these dogs.

Yeah

In a very ineffectual way and yeah they died at the end but you know.

How long ago was this.

Before Christmas. You will have to ask [REDACTED] I mean this is me just you know

That's all right, no trouble.

It's not something I saw, I wasn't there.

Yeah.

But [REDACTED] just came and I got the fallout as she was very upset about it.

Sure

So basically the only thing I had to do with that was just really a shoulder for her to cry on you know.

Mm. OK.

And, and of course you know the, oh I can't think, you know.. People complain all the time, they complain that [REDACTED] was very abusive to them, some poor guy from [REDACTED] met [REDACTED] outside the local vet and, um, was asking [REDACTED] about adopting a cat and [REDACTED] told him to "Fuck Off".

Yeah

And oh another lady who is going to be training to become an auxiliary officer [REDACTED] adopted a cat through her and had relayed the tale to her and I, and when she had told me and I said "Look if the person is upset they should write a letter of complaint. I said that's all I can say."

█ Sure

█ And that's what I said to everyone, I said, "Look you know it's all well and good you coming and complaining to me about X, Y and Z, I said "But if you want anything done about it I said put it in writing".

█ So has any people done that

█ The sad fact is that quite often when it comes to that people are very reluctant to do that. You know for whatever reason.

█ Sure. Anything else you can think of █

█ I am sure I will be able to think of lots when you are not here.

█ That's always the way. Well you have got my card there.

█ Yeah

█ If you think of anything else that sort of jumps out as major.

█ Mm

█ Um, go on.

█ Oh the mangy dog and bitch. Have you come across that one in █

█ Oh is this the.

█ To the Animal Centre.

█ Yeah tell me about that.

█ Actually I did write it down because █ from █ called me over the phone. I thought I'll write this down. Because what happened was um there was a mangy bitch apparently it was a mangy bitch and parked over in █ A call came through and █ didn't want to go so █ trying to hand it over to Dog Control.

█ Yeah.

█ And um █ asked █ and █ clearly went "It's not my job". You know we can't take a mangy bitch and pups into the pound. We don't have the facilities.

█ Yeah.

█ And we don't have to do that any way. And █ said "So it's your call". And apparently █ had also phoned █ the other █

█ Yeah.

█ And █ tried to get █ to do it and they had been told, they told █ that it wasn't their job to do that and █ had said to them that they could just go over there and shoot the dogs.

█ Yeah.

█ And █ had said "We are not legally allowed to do that" and █ said "Well that's all right you go and to shoot them and I will sign a destruction order - so you can do it". And of course they refused politely.

█ And what happened about the dog

█ I think at the end of the day a lady called █

█ Yeah.

█ Whose a █

█ Yeah

█ got her to go and pick them up and I think they went to a vet and I don't know what happened afterwards but I did know about that call because I was speaking to █ on the phone and █

█ And so which one did █ tell to shoot them, was it █ or was it █

█ What is █ last name.

█ I don't know.

█ █

<laughter>

Where's █

█ █, everyone knows █ Come on.

[REDACTED] Where is [REDACTED] based.

[REDACTED] In [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No [REDACTED]

Yeah because there's like [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] we mainly deal with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yeah.

[REDACTED] pretty well balanced and I have never even met [REDACTED] face to face.

[REDACTED] Sure OK.

[REDACTED] The reason I was speaking with [REDACTED] was because I was talking to him about the stray dog that I have got at home – it had been chasing my cat around the garden so I managed to catch her.

[REDACTED] Yes

[REDACTED] And I was speaking to him about that and for some strange reason this mangy bitch then came up and [REDACTED] was really hacked off about it.

[REDACTED] Oh well I can imagine that's a little bit against the run of the play really.

[REDACTED] Yeah, yeah

[REDACTED] All right. Anything else.

[REDACTED] Um, no, but all I can say is that um I was planning not to be an auxiliary officer and had seriously thought about becoming an inspector.

[REDACTED] Yeah

[REDACTED] And working alongside [REDACTED] after a few months I decided that wasn't really what I wanted to do.

[REDACTED] OK. How would you describe [REDACTED] yourself.

[REDACTED] Arrogant.

[REDACTED] Arrogant.

[REDACTED] Arrogant.

And when
Glory-seeking. Bullies like can if thinks.

I mean you have worked a lot with like you say
does some good things too. I mean loves the sound of own voice, you know
and what's another thing that irritates me, you know, me personally is whenever I went
out with I thought I could have done this day's work in less than half the time. You
know it takes forever really. I mean you speak to on the phone and going
to be there for an hour.

Right
You know because will turn everything into some big long, lecture and bring out,
you know, this, that and the other – and all you need is you know.

And you say has a lot of knowledge, in actual work in dealing with animals how
is compared to other people that you work.

... It is again just personal,

Yeah.

I'm not saying this just to remind you but I don't really think cares about animals. If I
am perfectly honest.

Yeah.

I don't think gives two hoots and I think is probably burnt out.

Ok.

And when you know, the kennels and, the relationship blew up out of all
proportion, you know, cant go out there anymore because she doesn't want
there, blah blah,

Yeah.

And I was the liaison there which was absolutely ridiculous and that did nothing for my
relationship with you know they just stopped giving me calls to go on and
everything because they thought I had gone out there and befriended you know,

[REDACTED] Yeah.

[REDACTED] Hello – you know the committee specifically asked me if I would do it. You know I'm not as ridiculous as that you know. If someone asks me to do a job I will do it, you know.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

[REDACTED] You know and to the best of my ability. It might not be that great but any way the whole time that we were doing, I was doing this liaison business you wouldn't get a dog in – and I don't know what happened - I said to [REDACTED] "I have no idea."

[REDACTED] So that was about 18 months.

[REDACTED] Yeah I have no idea. We have got, we have dogs brought in from other sources but none bought in by the inspector at all.

Now I don't know where those dogs were going but I thought Goodness me, all of a sudden [REDACTED] and surrounding areas, [REDACTED] all of sudden we don't have a dog problem.

[REDACTED] And

[REDACTED] Now we are back on the scene.

[REDACTED] Yeah and what happens

[REDACTED] We are getting nothing.

[REDACTED] And what happens.

How many dogs would you figure.

[REDACTED] It is variable.

[REDACTED] Yeah on an average

[REDACTED] OK, OK.

[REDACTED] Just think about roughly

[REDACTED] OK four puppies, two there, oh it could be from.

█ Since you have been up and running in an year – that's May the 5th I believe – how many dogs would have been taken on the pound.

█ Not to the pound to █

█ Oh to █ should I say.

█ To █

I don't know she would have the figures but quite a lot.

█ Yeah

█ And we have you know quite a lot come through and we have obviously had quite a few come into date You know. We have had quite a few euthanaised as well

█ Mm

█ And but oh I don't know off the top of my head.

█ Sure but it's certainly more than - none in eighteen months.

█ Yeah

█ Lots

█ A lot. And I think, I don't know if you have spoken with Animal Control, can't remember if you said or not but I don't know if █ was trying to handle them that way.

█ Mm

█ Or I don't know what █ was doing with dog calls because you do get a lot of dog calls.

█ Yeah.

█ You know. Not all of them might not necessarily mean that you have to take the dogs into you know, kennels.

█ Sure.

█ But I don't know what happens to any of them because we didn't see any dogs.

█ Sure

█ So I assume they were going to the pen or they were getting.

[REDACTED] Yeah, shot on the spot.

[REDACTED] Mm

Well those three were [REDACTED] - they never ended up at the pound.

[REDACTED] OK

[REDACTED] Or the kennels, sorry.

[REDACTED] I think that you, I think that you, I think that you were, are now the firearms holder for

[REDACTED] Yes I am.

Yay.

[REDACTED] Yeah, do you have to account for the ammunition you use or not.

[REDACTED] I don't know, I'm not using it. I have got the gun.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

[REDACTED] Because I am the only one with a firearms licence.

[REDACTED] Right.

[REDACTED] And

[REDACTED] You haven't used it yet.

[REDACTED] No I don't intend to use it either.

[REDACTED] Sure

[REDACTED] You know.

[REDACTED] Yes

[REDACTED] Unless I really, really, really, really have to I would.

[REDACTED] Yes.

[REDACTED] But I don't think there are many circumstances that I would actually have to.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

█ I mean if you go out on some of the farm calls the farmers there you know. You can shoot it. And you are probably better at it than I would be.

█ Sure

█ I, you know, I have my firearms licence and I have the gun, I am legally able to have it and

█ Yeah.

█ And I wouldn't intend to use it.

█ Sure

All right. I don't there is anything else we need at the moment █ I do invite you to give me a call if there is anything else you want to talk about. You have my card there. Again no worries I've been taping the conversation here.

█ No I don't mind at all.

█ OK.

█ But I don't know what do you think the outcome is going to be.

█ I will stop the tape here.*

█ Well those three were with

█ I think that you were the firearms holder for

█ Yay

█ Do you have to account for ammunition that you use or not.

█ Um I don't know and I am not using it. I have got the gun.

○ █ Yes

█ Because █

█ Right

█ And

█ Sure

[REDACTED] And when we have to I would but I don't think there are many circumstances that it appears that I actually have to.

If you go out on some of the farm calls the farmer is there, you know. He could shoot it, he is probably better at it than I would be.

[REDACTED] Sure

[REDACTED] And I have my firearms licence, I have the gun, I need to be able to have it.

[REDACTED] Yeah

[REDACTED] And I wouldn't intend to use it.

[REDACTED] Sure

All right I don't think there is anything else for me at the moment [REDACTED]. I do invite you to give me a call if there is anything else you want to talk about.

[REDACTED] No

[REDACTED] You have my card there.

Again no worries I have been taping the conversation here.

[REDACTED] No, no I don't mind at all.

[REDACTED] OK

[REDACTED] Um what do you think the outcome is going to be.

[REDACTED] I'll stop the tape here.

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