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COMPANY DETAILS

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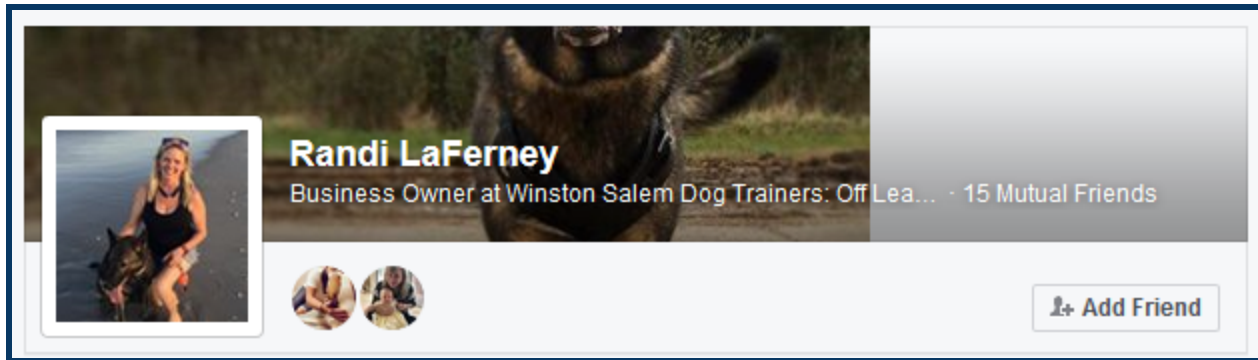
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OFF LEASH K9 TRAINING, LLC & Randi LaFerney LEGAL REGISTRATION

[OFF LEASH K9 FLORIDA, LLC](#)

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DETAILS

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November 29, 2017

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"Off Leash K9 Dog Training LLC"

"ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY ONE LOCATIONS!!!!!!!!!!

THREE HUNDRED AND TEN TRAINERS"

This company is a problem. Please watch the video and check comments below for verification in claims.

PLEASE SHARE THIS FAR AND WIDE.

NOTHING HEALTHY ABOUT THIS VIDEO!!!!!!

-dog responding to the collar and not the trainer

-dog placed in an over stimulated environment

-dog is not comfortable or happy

-body posture is wrong

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[Damion Trakas](#) HER OWN FUCKING DOG DOESN'T RESPOND TO THE COMMANDS!!!!!!

HE RESPONDS TO THE FUCKING COLLAR!!!!


PAY ATTENTION TO HOW SHE KEEPS IT CONCEALED!!!!!!

You see her with her hand in her pocket the whole time.... and then when she commands him..... SHE HIDES THE REMOTE BEHIND HER BACK!!!!

THIS FUCKING CORNBALL IS NOT A FUCKING TRAINER!!!!!!

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Off Leash K9 Training

Randi Laferney, owner and head trainer of Off Leash K9 Training of the Tri-Cities, talks to Ann about the importance of having a well-trained dog and the service that her company...

WJHL.COM

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[Jess Feliciano](#) Sadly it will be very difficult to shut them down. Everyone needs to understand that there are NO regulations on being a dog trainer. Even if the owner of Oxana pursues neglect and animal cruelty charges, and even if these particular individuals get convicted, they can still be dog trainers. We actually have someone locally with animal cruelty charges on his record and he still makes money as a dog trainer. Maybe this will give them enough bad press to hurt their business. Maybe they will pack up and leave. But they will just go elsewhere. I've spoken to these people in person. I've seen them work in person. And I've watched dozens of their "training" videos. They are incredibly uneducated, they only know how to do things one way, and they don't have a clue about the basic fundamentals of dog training, let alone dog behavior. And because they take so many aggressive dogs, what they are doing is down right dangerous, creating ticking time bombs. Their unprofessionalism is unbelievable. How the hell can you not give clients info on their dogs in your care? How the hell can you not know who each dog belongs to? I really cannot wrap my head around it. 15 dogs is A LOT of money. And you don't always get what you pay for - especially when you don't do your research. Now, some of these owners may not trust any dog trainer in the future. And that hurts their dog as well as true professionals like myself. And it gives people yet another negative association with board and training which also hurts true professionals like myself. This company does not do any good for any one. Clients, dogs, and real dog trainers are affected. And the only way we can make a difference is by spreading the word and educating dog owners.

Smoke & Mirrors

[Damion Trakas](#) added [33 new photos](#) — with [Rolling Thunder Farms](#) and [18 others](#).

Dec 2, 2017

<https://www.facebook.com/damion.trakas.1/posts/1945218432356893>

These are ACO pics. This is what they don't want you to see. This is what they don't want you to know. This is why the once public ACO report was removed from the Palm Beach County database. This is why the dog owner on the report is no longer talking.

BECAUSE THEY ARE SMOKE AND MIRRORS.

YOU HAVE NO CLUE WHO YOU ARE HANDING YOUR ANIMAL OVER TO AND OR WHAT REALLY HAPPENS.

THEY BUY THEIR WAY OUT OF EVERY CASE OF NEGLIGENCE AND HUSH EVERYONE UP.

If I am lying..... go find this report online as you should be able to for public information.

Here is what you will see in these disgusting pics:

- cages full of urine and feces
- old rusted cages
- urine all over floors
- no food shown anywhere
- lack of water
- brand new cages sitting out back never used
- portable AC units not in use (it is warm in Florida)
- outside kennels used as storage
- ACO report in full
- a media firm website claiming the first dog to learn Jujitsu, meanwhile the dog knows ZERO Jujitsu but Nick however does have a Jujitsu teacher as a client
- a BREEDERS page that the company is in full support of because they have relations with various breeders
- 8 different complaints from clients and trainers

THIS IS HOW YOUR DOGS ARE TREATED AND KEPT WHEN YOU PAY UP FRONT \$1500-\$2000 AND THEN YOUR DOG IS BROKEN NOT TRAINED.

THEY BREAK DOGS USES A SHOCK COLLAR IN A WAY IT SHOULDN'T BE USED.

THE ONLY WAY YOU DOG IS GUARANTEED TO GET TOP TREATMENT IS IF YOU ARE A CELEBRITY OR OF POWER IN WHICH CASE NICK WHITE WILL TRAIN AND CARE FOR YOUR DOG PERSONALLY BECAUSE THAT WILL INSURE HE CAN BRAG ABOUT ANOTHER HIGH END CLIENT AGAIN AND CHARGE TOP DOLLAR AGAIN.

If Off Leash K9 has trained your dog and it worked.... YOU GOT LUCKY.

You got a trainer that was an actual trainer PRIOR to working for the company.

Otherwise..... your dog is still wearing a shock collar even when you have it back...

OR THE TRAINING DIDN'T WORK AND YOU GOT A REFUND AND HAVE BEEN GAGGED AND SILENCED.

BUT NICK WHITE DOES THIS BECAUSE HE LOVES DOGS AND WAS INSPIRED TO DO IT BY THE MILITARY DOGS HE SAW IN THE WAR?????

YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED MARINE..... ASHAMED.

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Andrea Em: Animal abuse, dead dogs, graphic photos in links

May 10, 2019

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TW: Animal abuse, dead dogs, graphic photos in links

Off Leash K9 is a shock collar franchise with over 80 locations across the US. It is owned and operated by Nick White who, according to their website, is “globally recognized” as a “top dog trainer” including the unparalleled honor of a spot on a Wikipedia list of trainers.

However, Off Leash K9 is also well known for their nasty habit of killing dogs.

Below I’ve listed links to stories of people who left their dogs with an Off Leash K9 trainer and ended up with dead, lost, or severely malnourished, mistreated dogs. This isn’t necessarily a complete list, just the articles and stories I could find.

Friends don’t let friends send their dogs to Off Leash K9.

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LEGAL REGISTRATION

[OFF LEASH K9 FLORIDA, LLC](#)

Foreign Profit Corporation

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Oxana

Palm Beach County ACC Report

Activity #: A17-011458

9/15/2017 2:03:00 PM

Michael Breitsprecher, Trainer

5341 Michlar Dr, Lake Worth, FL 33449

We received a call from Palm Beach Sheriffs Deputy Bott #8532 she was at 5341 Michlar Dr. Lake Worth FL. Sheriffs were dispatched for a complaint that Andrew Masia (P1059262) went to see his German Shepherd named Oxana at Off Leash K9 Training @ 5341 Michlar Dr. A private home possibly rented by Michael Breitsprecher and his partner Alex and their employer Randi LaFerney. They represent themselves as expert fully licensed and insured dog training certified evaluators.

When we arrived Sgt. Cuetto and myself we met with Andrew Masia who was very upset and said that Trainer Micheal Breitsprecher refused him access to his dog Oxana. Oxana was being trained there since August 2017. He stated he had phoned several times to discuss his dog and was given no answers, No video of progress no weekly updates. Mr. Masia became worried so on 09-15-17 he drove to the home on Michlar Dr. When he arrived unannounced. Trainer Micheal Breitsprecher seemed annoyed at his visit and refused to allow him to see Oxana. After arguing a few minutes, Mr. Masia called #911 to report conflict and possible dog napping. The Trainer then went inside of home and never came outside with Mr. Masia's dog. Mr. Masia then walked into the home through the front door to look for his dog Oxana. He called for Micheal Breitsprecher to appear and give him his dog. Mr. Masia found several dogs locked in cages in the bedrooms but none were his dog. Mr. Masia walked into the garage and saw several dogs all barking inside of portable metal kennels. Again no Oxana. He then found Trainer Micheal Breitsprecher outside the side garage door, next to a possible Horse trailer. Michael opened the trailer and he Mr Masia found his dog Oxana. She was being kept isolated in a portable trailer in driveway. He was told by Trainer the dog was put into isolation due to not being housebroken. The trailer had a strong odor of urine and feces. The trailer did have air conditioner on. The Trainer removed Oxana from a dirty metal cage with feces smeared on floor. There was urine all over a plastic tarp and on the trailer floor. Oxana was damp and smelled of fecal matter. Mr. Masia stated his dog was shaking and appeared scared to death. He said the dog had appeared to have lost several pounds and appeared neglected. The dog was walked to Mr. Masia's truck and was secured inside. The trainer retreated into his home, and Mr. Masia returned to trailer to take photos of the filthy conditions.

The Trainer Micheal Breitsprecher came outside and became aggressive. He told Mr. Masia to leave immediately or he will send out a dog to bite him. Mr Masia stated to walk toward his truck and Micheal Breitsprecher re entered his home. That's when Deputy Bott pulled into driveway. Mr. Masia and Deputy Bott witnessed Trainer Micheal Breitsprecher come outside with an aggressive dog on leash, dog was barking and growling. The Trainer was threatening to release dog on Mr. Masia. Then when he saw Deputy Bott walk up driveway the Trainer took the aggressive dog and retreated into the house.

Then Sgt. Cuetto and myself spoke with Trainer Micheal Breitsprecher who stated he did come outside with a leashed aggressive dog and threaten Mr. Masia, He said because he feared for his life. Then he explained he runs the dog training/boarding business from the rented home called (Off Leash K9 Training.) Mr. Breitsprecher admitted He advised they have no permit or any paperwork or contracts for the dogs under his care. He kept saying to look at face book that this training service is a chain and is run by expert dog trainers. I asked to see some documentation of any kind and he gave me a cardboard card advertising Off Leash K9 Training in another County and it did not have him or Alex or Randi listed. Micheal Breitsprecher said they have nothing to hide and allowed us to tour their set up. Mr. Masia was given a witness statement and will follow up with PBSO regarding his complaint. He left to take his dog for veterinary care.

We then went inside the home.

Inside the living area there were 3 large dogs in cages and 1 Boxer puppy that was suppose to be owned by a client. A large German Shepherd was loose in home named Charlie. 3 of the dogs belonged to Micheal Breitsprecher and none of them were current on Palm Bch Cty tags or had proof of current rabies vaccines. Citations for his 3 dogs were issued. In the garage they had portable metal kennels set up. There were 14 adult dogs housed in air conditioned garage with fans. Cages had just been cleaned and each cage had clean water bowl. No bedding was provided and each dog wore what appeared to be a training device. Most of the dogs were there for being aggressive in need of socialization. We were unable to scan any of the dogs because Micheal Breitsprecher advised it was too dangerous.

We asked to see the dogs records and proof of ownership of each dog. We were told they keep no records on property and clients do not sign a contract when they drop off their dogs to be trained. He said they had such a great business and reputation that they have never needed documentation. He said the lady in charge of owners

information was in the hospital and that he did not know how to access it on computer, He said he was a dog trainer not book keeper. I asked who they contact in an emergency and he stated they would take the dog to Dr. Fox at River Bridge Animal Hospital and they would share information on facebook.

He also stated they do not let client's visit there dogs at anytime. He said if they want to see their dogs he posts updates on facebook. I asked several times to tell me who the owners of each dog was and he said he will have to look up the information and that he does not require proof of current rabies vaccines or tags before in taking a dog. He said they have been working from the home for 3 years. The dogs all appeared of average weight and had no visible signs of sickness. There was no owner information posted on the cages.

I phoned Lt. Scaggs who contacted Director Sauve. I was instructed to issue violation that no dogs on the property could be removed until we get each dogs owner information and contact owners of them, to verify that they had sent the dogs there. A Citation was issued for sec 23 failure to obtain a commercial permit. We gave them our contact information and Lt. Whites contact information to call on Monday. I told Mr. Masia I will follow up with him next week regarding his dog and experience. The photos were placed on P drive and Sgt.Cuetto will update report on Monday. This is a draft report since I am off the next 3 days.

Sgt. Coutts

9/19/2017 1:32:00 PM

Today owner of Off Leash K9 Training Randi LaFerney came to Animal Care and control to meet with Lt. White and myself regarding operating a Training/Boarding kennel out of a rented home located at 5341 Micklar Dr. in Lake Worth FL.

Her employee Michael Breitspecher (Dog Trainer) lives in the home where dogs are boarded and trained. Mr Breitspcher got into a confrontation with Andrew Masia the owner of Oxane a canine that had been residing at the residence since August 8, 2017. PBSO report #17-127533

Ms. LaFerney was required to bring documentation of proof of ownership of the 15 dogs that were being boarded there from our 09-15-17 visit. Lt. White and myself looked over the paperwork and Ms. LaFerney stated 4 of the dogs she is fostering from various rescues and is actively trying to get these dogs adopted out. Some of these dogs have been there from 12-2016 until present. When asked if this is normal to foster dogs for extended periods of time she advised these dogs were not considered highly adoptable and some have behavior issues.

Ms. LaFerney stated most dogs are boarded there for a two week training period.

The list of owners was provided for most of the dogs. The missing information will be supplied by 09-22-17. Ms. LaFerney did not bring copy of any License or local insurance. Ms. LaFerney brought in proof of current rabies vaccines and Palm Beach County Tags for the 3 dogs owned by her trainer Micheal Breitsprecher. I advised I will void out citations issue for Johnny Cash, Beau, and Bentley. A tag for Charlie is being issued today. A check will be made to verify ownership of the 15 dogs.

Ms. LaFerney stated she was not aware that she was required with Palm Beach County to obtain a permit as a Training/Boarding Kennel. We explained the requirements and gave her a copy of County Ordinance 98-22 sec 4-23 and an application for her to bring to the Zoning Department to get approval before she can apply.

Ms. LaFerney is to start to return all owned dogs in her care within the next 14 days. They are not to take in any more boarders until a permit issue is corrected.

I will conduct a surprise inspection within the next week or so to make sure progress is being made.

Sgt. Coutts

Spartacus

November 29, 2017



Alexis Loar Hey hey, we have used the off leash K9 program for our dog Spartacus. Although he was a bit more obedient when he came home, he still exhibited past behaviors. They encouraged us to continue using the shock collar and we did. A month later he viciously attacked my Dad so bad that he had to go to the hospital. Our dog had to be euthanized due to the severity of the attack. We reached out to the program and were met with an icy condolence and that was it. It's personally not worth what they charge and you could probably find an in home trainer for a lot cheaper, they will actually teach you how to teach your dog. Their methods are extreme and cruel, they will make you believe it is the "best method of teaching." Our ignorance and them taking advantage of that ignorance cost our dog his life.

We were told that it wasn't a painful shock, but more so a vibration to condition your dog and his response. We noticed our dog began exhibiting strange behavior and acting skittish. We stopped using the collar and were told it was an "absolute necessity" to ensure the dog retains what he was taught. We didn't put the collar back on. Unfortunately, it was too late...

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Baloo's Story - Justice for Baloo

November 18, 2017

<https://nasiff.blogspot.com/2017/11/baloos-story-justice-for-baloo.html>

We've started this many times and have been unable to continue. My wife and I owe it to Baloo to tell his story. Baloo was our 1.5yr old Akita that lost his life, in our opinion, due to **starvation, dehydration, mishandling, reckless abandonment, and neglect**. He is survived by his other house pets, Rambo, Kitana, and Oakley.

My wife and I had planned a European cruise for our 30-yr wedding anniversary. We found a training company run out of West Palm Beach, **Off-Leash K9 Training**, that provides both **boarding and training**, although I think they may be incorporated in Tennessee, hmm. It was **highly recommended from trusted sources**, so we reached out and arranged for our 109-lb. beautiful, strong Akita to receive some incredible training. My wife and I were very excited for him, **given Baloo's response to the trainer, Michael Breitsprecher, when we first interviewed him**. My wife dropped Baloo off the day before our flight and she was pleasantly surprised that **Baloo seemed happy to go off with the trainer**.

We left very clear instructions as to emergency contacts. Additionally, I have **3 adult sons all within 30 minutes of the training facility**. My wife and I were comfortable that Baloo had an extensive support group should the need arise.

After being away for about 1 week, one of our sons tagged us in a Facebook post by **Off-Leash K9 Training**, that specializes in advanced canine training. **There he was, our Baloo posing for a picture on their site. We were so happy to see Baloo and felt reassured that his training was well on its way.**

About 1 week later, and during one of those days at sea, I received a call from the trainer...**Baloo had been taken to the vet to receive care**. I was notified by **Michael Breitsprecher** that Baloo was **dehydrated, and according to both text messages and phone calls that I received, he was lethargic and non-responsive so he took him to the vet to get him looked at**. In discussions with our vet, who is also a friend, I felt slightly better that Baloo was under medical supervision. They ran a bunch of tests and suggested that he should be kept overnight for observation, so he was admitted to an emergency hospital.

The next day, while still at sea, I received a call from my oldest son. I could tell from his voice that he was shaken and something went horribly wrong. He didn't have the heart to tell us what had happened.

I immediately called the vet and he told me those words that you never want to hear when you know in your

heart it shouldn't be... **he said Baloo had passed away.** My wife and I responded as any parent would losing a loved one. **Our trip came to an immediate end.** We spent the remainder of our trip in seclusion, providing support for one another. None of the sites, or ports of call, seemed to matter anymore. We would give it all up just to have our beloved Baloo back.

We had just lost one of the most special animals I've ever come to know. Baloo, for all his imperfections, was the single most perfect dog I've ever had the privilege to know. My wife and I looked forward to a long life with him. As I mentioned earlier, **he was a 1.5-yr old, strong and healthy boy.** It breaks our heart that his life came to a tragic end as he suffered under the care and supervision of **Michael Breitsprecher. Based on what I was told by the trainer himself and I have on text messages, Baloo had stopped eating for several days and later had stopped drinking water. It was not until he was discovered lethargic and unresponsive that he was brought to the vet.**

We had a professional necropsy performed at the University of Florida to ensure that we would know the cause of death. Eight weeks after returning home, we received the results of the necropsy, I saw that our boy was **80 lbs. at time of death.** This is after receiving **several bags of IV fluids.** How could an incredibly healthy 109 lbs. Akita **drop almost 30 lbs. in just a few days?** The necropsy stated that **he had a broken canine tooth.** The necropsy stated that **Baloo had organ failure.** It was incredibly hard to read. **After talking to some of the staff at our vet's office who received him initially, they did not recognize Baloo.** He did not look like the same boy they knew. We are extremely grateful to the staff there who loved him and treated him with the love and care we would want for him.

My wife and I cannot believe what has happened, it was surreal. **How could someone who works closely with animals let them go that long without eating. If you notice that they are not drinking, why would you wait to get him help.** Baloo had **3 different family members that would stop what they're doing and immediately pick him up. That call never came.** Again, it's my opinion that the handler, **Michael Breitsprecher,** directly caused the painful death of our dog. My wife and I keep asking ourselves **"why?"**

Sadly, the biggest lessons we have received from this is to never ever trust anyone with the life of your pet, do not hesitate to be a pain in the ass, and always put your pet's well-being before everything.

For fear of continued rambling, I will end this incredibly lengthy message to say that my wife and I will do everything in our power to ensure that this never happens to anyone else's dog to honor our baby boy, Baloo. As we recall a poster that we saw in an emergency room at an animal hospital a few years ago, **"You are their only voice"**, we hope and pray, Baloo, that we were and will continue to be your voice! **#JusticeForBaloo**
PLEASE SHARE THIS STORY WITH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THIS NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN TO ANOTHER ANIMAL UNDER THE CARE AND SUPERVISION OF MICHAEL BREITSPRECHER OR OFF LEASH K9 TRAINING"

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LEGAL REGISTRATION

Sunbiz: TBD

<http://search.sunbiz.org/Inquiry/CorporationSearch/ByName>

Bruno

[Danelle Haag](#) is with [Thomas Haag](#).

August 4, 2018

<https://www.facebook.com/danelle.haag/posts/1625701044207345>

Don't use Off Leash K 9 Sarasota Bradenton This was how my Dane looked after a 2 week board and train - from 142 lbs to 116 lbs - dehydrated, elbows bruised and bloody, hip bruised and missing his dog tags. I have been asking for them to take responsibility to no avail. I am determined to not let this happen to another dog... adding photos of him today due to so much love and support - still a lot of weight to gain but much better - and besides he's cute !

Update ... 8-6-18 the outpouring of LOVE has been fantastic. Over 4000 shares including far away as England, Germany and Australia! I have taken the next step legally- and am doing this the right way. I am speaking for not only Bruno but EVERY animal that was harmed, starved, hurt in Boarding or Training. If you have had a bad experience as well you may want to send me a private message so I can put you in touch with the right people. Bruno is going back to vet tomorrow due to still having leg/hip weakness. He is gaining weight - will weigh him tomorrow but I am guessing 10lbs. I will keep you informed of every step of this journey- thinking about a FB page for the big guy. Much love! Let's stick together and END this horrible treatment.

UPDATE 8-8-18 over 4700 Shares...Matter is under investigation and I don't want to jeopardize by making any statements. The outpouring brings me to tears.

Blocking the crazies who told me I'm basically stupid and also the ones who told me I had known he was not eating. That simply is not true - I found out Day 10 as u have seen from the text and trainer said he was picky... and I ASKED him if he was not eating - just to set the record straight . Never did they tell me until day 10! After I saw his video and asked. 4 days before pickup . And nothing about sores, hip bruising etc... so THANK YOU to all the supporters.. let's keep this about Bruno and keep the message positive on solutions - don't bother w the trolls I'll just block them



OFF LEASH K9 TRAINING, LLC EXPOSED by Turtle Boy

Part 1: The Story Of Knox and the Bootleg Trainer **Amelia Ferreira** who is Responsible for His Death

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As stated yesterday in the announcement of the series, we will be exploring the story that broke open the story behind the story: The Mayo's beloved family dog, Knox. We will also be discussing the "trainer" who had Knox in her care when he died. It's important to note who had trained Amelia as well, as Amelia had no training when she was first hired to be an actual trainer. No certification, no prior experience, nothing. As you will see, this is a reoccurring theme with Off Leash. The woman who trained Amelia is named Becca Hammond who we'll get to later this series. Today we'll be covering the topic of the shady circumstances surrounding Knox's death. You'll see that since there are so many details to this case that there was no other way to expose Off Leash K9 Training, LLC other than in a multiple part series. The time lines have been very well documented, but that doesn't mean it isn't confusing as all get out. The other cases of animal cruelty, missing dogs and deaths all have interesting similarities to Knox's which is why we're beginning here. The only reason this cases received the amount of attention it did is no doubt because the owners are famous and thankfully they're using that fame to give other families and dogs who've been devastated by this company a fighting chance at justice.

The Mayo family sought out the services of Off Leash K9 Training, LLC – Providence because their English Bulldog Knox was having some behavioral issues mainly surrounding urination and defecation in the Mayo home. Obviously this presents a health hazard to the three children they have, and to Knox himself, so the Mayos wanted to help their dog to not only learn to do his business outside, but also it would be in his best interest to learn discipline. They first contacted Off Leash, who came highly recommended to the family, in April and was assigned Amelia Ferreira as their dog trainer. By all accounts, Amelia came off as a respectable and knowledgeable trainer from a well respected company. Had there been any red flags at all, the Mayo family would never had placed Knox in the care of these people.

It is important to note how these dogs are boarded. You would think that there would be a kennel situation or doggy boarding house facility that the company uses, but that is far from the case. When you send your dogs to be trained by this company, the dogs go to live with the trainer. That would be all fine and good if there weren't other dogs being boarded at these private residences with each other. I have heard that in some cases there have been ten dogs boarded at the same time with the trainer, not including the dogs owned by the trainer. This presents a safety hazard to all dogs involved and can be incredibly dangerous for obvious reasons. The Mayos were not aware that this was how this company operated. We all know now that there were at least 5 dogs living in Amelia's home that she owned along with at least 2 other dogs being "trained" as Amelia's soon-to-be ex-husband Darrell was arrested for animal cruelty charges for it.

Training for Knox began April 15 and ended on the 29th. During that time there was daily contact, photos and videos sent to Chantel mayo and all seemed well. When Knox was returned home, he arrived without the charger for the e-collar that he was trained with and without the outline of the training regimen for the Mayo family to continue using at home. Chantel contacted Amelia and arranged for that to be dropped off the next day. That didn't happen. In fact, Amelia didn't decide to provide these things until 10 whole days later with her

excuse being that there had been an unspecified family emergency that prevented her from returning texts, phone calls or anything. That's not suspect at all... Anwho, in that time, Knox had been urinating inside the house and to remedy this, Amelia offered a refresher course for Knox. How you can offer a refresher when you really didn't do anything to begin with is beyond me, but that's how it went down. On the 24th of May, Knox went off with Amelia again and that was the last time the Mayo family was to see him alive.

There was no contact between Chantel and Amelia with pictures and video or any update for the family on how Knox was doing, so by June 9th the Mayo family had begun aggressively contacting Amelia who then claimed she hadn't been able to be in contact as much as she had taken in an aggressive French Bulldog to train. She also claimed that day she had taken Knox with her to the Providence Festival, which no one has been able to actually verify. Amelia said that she would provide Chantel with photos when she returned home later that day. When two days had passed without even so much as a text, Chantel Mayo contacted Amelia once again asking if she was still at the Providence festival which only lasts one day, and demanded photos. Another part of Amelia's excuses were her saying that her mother who lives with them had been ill and that Knox was acting as a therapy dog for her, thus why she hadn't had time to really be in touch. How a trainer decides it's OK to use a dog with behavioral issues as a therapy dog for her mother is probably one of the most unprofessional things I've ever heard of. The family was paying for the trainer to train their dog, not use him as a service dog for an ailing stranger. Amelia reassured the Mayo family that Knox was doing well, but had begun urinating in the house again. Chantel Mayo told Amelia that she was keeping the mother, who was said to have been in and out of the hospital, in her prayers but wanted Knox to be returned home immediately. She had contacted Amelia's superior and had complained about the lack of communication, a complaint which landed on deaf ears. As the month of June went on, Amelia claimed to have gone to another festival, this time a blues fest with her niece and her dog. That was June 24th, this date is important. By now Amelia is stating that she will bring Knox home on July 3rd and was using the sick mother excuse still, but the Mayos weren't having that and since days had again gone by with shoddy contact said that they would come and get him on June 27th.

Amelia stated she understood and that she would bring him home herself the very next day. By 4:17 pm on June 28th, Chantel Mayo received a text say Amelia was feeding him and would then bring him home shortly after that. Hours go by with no word from Amelia and at 8pm, Chantel texts Amelia demanding to know where they are. Multiple calls and texts went unanswered until 8:17 when Amelia finally answered a phone call from Chantel while hyperventilating and saying Knox ran away at Joe's Rock when they stopped there to pee while on a walk. At this point in time, Chantel called the police to get over to Amelia's location where she was found with Knox's electronic collar in her hands saying that she had found it in the woods although she couldn't tell police exactly where she had found it.

The following day, June 29th Off Leash K9 calls in a company we will be exploring in this series as well by the name of Packleader PetTrackers out of providence, RI. The owner by the name of Jamie Genereux tells another tracker, Samantha Jane at another tracking company named Wandering Paws that over several days he had tracked Knox's scent to a nearby unoccupied house, then back to the pond at Joe's Rock and that some of Knox's remains are found and that Knox's body had likely sunk to the bottom, strange as the bodies of deceased anything tend to float as gases release that raise them to the top. At this point Amelia was sparingly replying to texts and phone calls, acting cooperatively and saying she was willing to do anything to help find Knox. Whatever the case was, by July 7th the Mayo family had hired a dive team to search for Knox and since this pet tracking company had completely made up the story of Knox drowning, a reoccurring theme that will be explored later, they didn't find anything. At this point in the investigation there is a stand still. That same day, Amelia was pulled over for driving with a suspended license and gave a statement to police when questioned about the whereabouts of Knox. In a surprising turn of events, she admitted to the police that she had **never been to Joe's**

Rock with Knox. So...how did Packleader track Knox all the way out there if this woman never took him out there? Hmm, that's going to be hard to explain, isn't it? Now, all communication Amelia had been engaged in completely stopped and she began hiding, a very strange thing to do for someone who claimed to be innocent of any wrongdoing. Not a good look, but an even worse look was when on July 13th [police who where called for a domestic assault](#) at the Ferreira residence found 5 dogs living in absolutely squalid conditions. They were bumming downstairs in the basement with Amelia's soon-to-be ex-husband with feces piled up on the floor, piss everywhere with the dogs' nails being overgrown and their hair matted. Utterly disgusting shit here, but not as disgusting as Amelia taking this opportunity to try to pin the disappearance of Knox on him. He's a complete animal himself and a tool who abuses women and dogs, but don't claim he did something he didn't do. He can do bad all on his own, obviously. Amelia kept up with the lie that her husband was to blame for Knox having gone missing from this time until August 5th when she called the RSPCA to claim that she could show the police where Knox's body was and that her husband had done it. The reason she had done this was so that she could collect the \$5,000 reward for the information leading to his discovery. Isn't that just lovely? Upon learning she had nothing to gain from providing this information and after a long questioning by police, she told them her latest version of the "truth". This version being that on June 22nd, two days before her going to the jazz festival, she had found Knox dead in his crate after returning home from training another dog for four hours. Instead of calling someone to tell them what had happened, she elected to take Knox's body outside in a trash bag the following day. She had claimed he had died from natural causes, an astounding conclusion from someone who barely had experience in the field of dog training to be able to determine the cause of death of an animal. The Mayo family had an autopsy preformed and the report was released today, its results being inconclusive.

Basically, it states that Knox was so decomposed that there was literally no way to tell how he had died. Had she come forward about this much, much sooner that wouldn't be the case. That makes you wonder why, if she hadn't done anything wrong, why would she not tell anyone sooner? Did she have something to hide? Was she ultimately responsible for his death? Should she be charged with animal cruelty in addition to her 4 counts of obstruction of justice? We'll never be able say for certain, although in this series you will come to find that the answer to these may very well just be a resounding "Yes". We all know that Amelia has a record including things such as possession of drugs, larceny and embezzlement. A lot of people feel that record should include Animal cruelty, as well.

This investigation into Off Leash K9 Training, LLC is not going to be pretty. In fact, it's going to be down right disturbing. You're going to be shown how dogs are mistreated, lost or possibly stolen and how they die. You'll learn how they hire animal abusers with criminal records, some showing past arrests for animal cruelty. We will be showing you how their training methods are deplorable and how a terrified dog isn't a trained dog. The investigation into Packleader PetTrackers is going to be enraging, as you'll come to find that this guy likes to take credit for other people's finds and will readily charge an insane amount of money to produce nothing. You'll be amazed at how many animals "must have drowned" just like Knox, except oftentimes those people don't have the money to hire divers or have their dogs show up weeks later or be found by real dog trackers. We'll also show you what to look for when hiring real dog trainers and trackers, the do's and don't. This will hopefully ensure that your pet is kept safe from these animals, and if they go missing will actually be found. Ultimately, this series will be for the justice of these dogs and their families. Stay tuned for part two tomorrow where we will be discussing how Off Leash has scrubbed the internet of their social media accounts (nothing shady about that!), the "trainer" that trained Amelia and how Packleader has completely ripped off many other folks. See you guys then!

Part 2: Becca the Beast and Blondie the Beauty, the Only Happy Ending Here

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Hey there, guys and gals. Thanks for tuning in for part 2 of the ongoing series exposing Off Leash K9 Training, LLC (to be referred to as OLK9T from here on out). If you missed the part 1, I suggest you go ahead and read that, you can do so [here](#). Part one was more or less to set the stage for the rest of the series which will be exploring various topics, people and stories aside from that of Knox. Before we get started, I just want to say we have not been in direct contact with any member of the Mayo family while compiling evidence for this expose. We've been cross referencing social media with other sources and folks who've been instrumental in piecing this whole gaggle of fuckery together. I have reached out to Chantal Mayo who is an absolutely wonderful woman (hawt too) although she has not been able to be a source for this. The Mayo family has allowed us to conduct our own investigation with their blessing, but is asking for privacy at this time as they try to wrap their heads around what has come to light in this past week.

Yesterday [People Magazine interviewed](#) both Jerod Mayo and **Amelia Ferreira**. Un-fucking-believable. This chick couldn't take the time out of her day for months on end to contact the family of the dog who died in her care, but returned the phone call from People within hours. Here's the highlight reel for Amelia Ba-dead-dog-delia with our comments in bold:

"Ferreira admits providing several different false stories about Knox's death, including blaming her estranged husband. But she is clear on one point, she says: She did not harm or abuse Knox in any way and still isn't sure what killed him."

Bitch, we all would have known what killed Knox had you come forward earlier. OK, we could understand waiting *maybe* a week because you're freaked out what with the dead dog in house and all, but you held on to him since the 22nd of June. You went through all that trouble for what? Did you think this would just go away one day?

"One possibility, she thinks, is that he might have been allergic to something such as a protein in his food."

You're supposed to be a dog trainer. He lived with you for quite some time, you would have noticed the symptoms of a food allergy. The Mayo family and their veterinarian would have known he had a food allergy and informed you. You could have used Google to find out the symptoms of a [food allergy](#). But now that he's dead, you figure it had to be a food allergy? No.

"After she found Knox dead, she "panicked," in part due to her client's fame but largely because she had never had a dog die in her care before, she tells PEOPLE. She says that motivated everything she did next. "If this had been any other dog, any other person, I can almost promise that I would have handled things the correct way," Ferreira says. "But when you have a dog that belongs to somebody like this, it's like I couldn't do anything but panic and not — like what the frick do I do?"

You claim you were frightened because of the fame of your client. First of all, if that's an issue for you then you should have never took on Knox to begin with. Secondly, if this dog did die of natural causes, sure there would have been some guff you may have taken, but I'm sure the family would have forgiven you. The public would have forgotten you as soon as the 24 hour outrage cycle the MSM pushes was over. Innocent mistake, moving on to our next villain. You elected to drag this out for months, produce lie after lie, send police and dog trackers on a wild bulldog chase and hide from the family as well as you hid Knox's corpse in a trash bag. That isn't panic, that's a cover up.

Look, go read the interview yourself with the information you already have in mind and I'm sure you'll have a blast with the internal commentary like I did. Everything this woman did was wrong, we all know this. Getting to *How* she got so wrong is what I'm interested in. Every source I've talked to has pointed out the woman who trained Amelia when she first started working for OLK9T about a year and a half ago. [Becca Hammond](#) was the employee in charge of training Amelia OLK9T in RI, and every single account I have received of this woman is violent and disturbing.

So, it appears as though they were incredibly close friends and got along great. They got on so well that they decided to define each other as their "work wife". Hot. Now, this is going to be important in a little bit, as you can tell a lot about a person by who they're friends with. Amelia was always there for Becca:

Remember how when describing the boarding of these dogs that there are sometimes 10 dogs at a time living in one house? Yeah, this was what I was referring to. Ten friggin' dogs in this house, which B to the T to the what up dubya... is illegal. In most states you cannot board more than 3-5 dogs without a kennel license. Did Becca have one? Nope. Did it seem that the company she was working for who trains dogs cared that she had ten dogs with no proper licensing? Hell naw.

I had to give some back story on Becca before we came to this case because y'all need to understand just how fucked up this is about to get. This chick put on this wholesome, dog loving and hard working front on Facebook, meanwhile she's a fucking sociopath.

Here's a weird manic video where she explains how she currently has 9 dogs that you can't hear crying in the background, one of whom is a Great Dane who is splashing around in piss in his crate:

Because that's normal. When a dog with behavioral problems is obviously in distress and crying out for help and attention by rolling around in his own pee I'm sure every professional trainer whips out their phone and vlogs about it... Gotta be somewhere in the manual or some shit.

This brings us to our first case of mistreatment and abuse at the hands of an OLK9T trainer. I'd like you all to meet Blondie. This photo is her before pic, while she was under the "care" of Becca Hammond about one year ago. I'm gonna warn you, it's gonna be some sad stuff:

Blondie is a rather large doggo, stuffed into a tiny Chihuahua crate as seen above. Blondie The Beauty here went from 72 pounds to 50 pounds while she was staying with Becca. Thankfully other real rescuers had learned of her rapid deterioration and attempted to get Blondie away from Becca, but Becca wasn't having it without a fight. Almost as if she was desperately trying to hide the severe neglect of this animal. There was whole lot of hullabaloo about the situation and, frankly the details of finally getting Blondie out of Becca's clutches are a bit cloudy, but the fact is she was finally rescued and given proper care. When seen by a vet, it was discovered that Blondie had cancer and underwent two aggressive surgeries.

We're happy to report that Blondie is currently in remission! And has gone from this last picture taken at Becca's house, where Blondie's poor nose is completely raw from being kept in a teeny tiny crate for long periods of time and looks utterly defeated:

To this happy ass puppy who finally has a home where she is loved, safe and incredibly happy (not to mention spoiled as fuck):

Ladies and gentlemen, I'm sad to say that this is the only happy ending that you will be reading about in this series. The only reason Blondie made it to a fantastic forever home is due to several animals rescue workers who worked together to get this dog back and transported to a better life. Many dogs who've been through much the same as Blondie will never be the same. Many dogs who have gone through OLK9T have not made it home sometimes despite having pet trackers on the case.

This brings us to the closing of this installment in this expose. Since this ran a bit long and had a happy ending, we'll leave it at that. Tomorrow we will be discussing Packleader Pettrackers out of RI.

There has been quite the bit of controversy regarding their involvement in the search for Knox. Everyone would like things to be cleared up and so we spent the better part of today researching these folks. Another good chunk of the day was spent conducting an in-depth, exclusive interview with owner Jamie Generuex. I have to say, I was incredibly surprised by how that went and can't wait to share what we found out with you all tomorrow in the third installment of Exposing Off Leash K9 Training, LLC. We will of course be discussing other dog cases and getting to the bottom of all of this. Stay tuned, turtle riders!

Part 3: Former Employees Come Forward, Becca the Beast Fired, and Baloo's Story

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Welcome to part 3 of Exposing Off Leash K9 Training LLC. If you need to catch up, here's [the preface](#), [part 1](#) and [part 2](#).

I would like to let you all know that since part 2 was published, OLK9 in Seattle has since fired Becca Hammond. This is already a victory in the exposing of this company, and it affirms that Knox has not died in vain. His death has led to more dogs being safe from abuse at the hands of Becca and this is cause for celebration.

We were going to be talking about a dog name Bruno today, but since lawyers have been hired in a case against OLK9 in Sarasota, Fla. we don't want to compromise their investigation. This isn't about who has what story, this is indeed about getting this place shut down. Best of luck to them in their case. Instead, we're going to be introducing you to Baloo. We're also taking our time in investigating Packleader Pettracking, so that will be coming to you later after we get to the bottom of things. We have spoken to an ex trainer who worked for OLK9 in Knoxville,TN. She was once a client and became a very short lived contractor for these people, let's move on as to why.

For obvious reasons, this person would like to remain anonymous. In her own words, she confirmed many things our guts were telling us about how these people operate:

"Hello Esther, I was directed to you on the OLK9T project you are working on. I am a sickened former client/short lived contractor for Olk9 until I realized very quickly that care and quality were far from their concern. I told them to go fly a fucking kite because I couldn't be a part of their lack of ethics and morals. I am ready to blow the fuckin whistle on the fuckin queen of olk9 or so she thinks. She will make Becca look like a saint. We need to connect so we can sort through this from most severe to least severe so the exposure is heard to the fullest extent. I never held a hand in any kind of harm in any dog and actually still communicate with the 3 dogs I worked and told them when I parted ways do quickly, why I did so. Let me know your schedule, appetite and tolerance for this subject because there are several others of us former contractors who worked briefly for them and couldn't do what they ask. And then there are some who couldn't take the pressure and fell victims to the manipulating narcissistic Queen who would manipulate and push more and more dogs on them along with classes and private in home lessons, this all while having 2-5 board and trains! Fucking no!!!! Please allow me to help you bring a behind the scenes look at these bastards. Even some of the trainers who fell victim of the multiple dog scenarios are willing to speak about how it haunts them still even after leaving, that they were manipulated into doing something so inhuman. This bitch I want roasted is [redacted] master manipulator who will use her narcissistic ways to make things go her way at whatever cost. She is admittedly money driven and has lots of skeletons in her closet, some I have good proof of, and some I will need some help exposing. I have no doubt however that the magnitude she has on the domino effect of her subordinates in such as wide spread area, that if we bring her true colors to surface that her brainwashed followers will bring down OLK9's largest market!!! They bring in millions and it's disgusting knowing how!!! I have extremely graphic photos that may not even be suited to reveal but should be. And this was suppose to be a life saving service dog! Anyways, let me know what you can handle cause I wanna roast this bitch so she cannot touch another animal ever!!! Warning: she paints a pretty picture of what she wants the world to think, but don't be fooled this bitch is fucking crazy! Anyone who has been through 20+ nannies in a year raises a red flag!!! And her rescues and inmates and strays program, well that's all for profit, and she cooks the books!! We have proof of that!"

My word...now, as I have yet to finish my investigating on this particular person who runs the Knoxville location I can already get the gist of what I'm going to find. Obviously my ears perked up when I read this message and wanted to know everything this woman had to say. Not many people who've worked with these frauds have come forward out of fear that they will be exposed as Becca was. As they should be as we intend to not only take down OLK9 but also every single person involved. Luckily, this woman in particular stated she had no hand in the abuse of animals and I believe her, you'll see why in a moment:

*"My inbox is blowing up with current and previous contractors who want to see shit get exposed! Olk9 tries to recruit weak but passionate people in the dog world and then convince them that they're held to a **noncompete which means that if they try to leave their company that they will never get to work for another dog business** which is absolutely false and I want to expose that as well!!! This is exactly why so many people stay because they love their job more than they hate the situation and hate the boss which is no excuse however that is what gets this whole process started!!*

*People who love dogs and are in it with their heart in the beginning get turned into monsters because they become **controlled and blackmailed**!! I have cease and desist letters to show you that they send out **threatening** the people that have the guts to walk way before their name is slandered, and I'm sure you know how attorneys get mud slinging in their face for writing these letters!! That's why **a good attorney will not write one** so big mistake on their part. Anyways I'm going to try and put this shit in some kind of order for you because it's all kinds of fucked up from **driving drunk with dogs** to **blackmailing contractors** into staying to abusing dogs, oh*

*yeah and the big kicker **cooking the books on non-profits and supposedly 504C rescues!!***

*And I'm certain I don't have to tell someone like you that a noncompete is only held when certain criteria is met and we all know their training is a fucking joke so **there is no specialized training** and they breached the fucking contracts way before any of their contractors could possibly be held to the bullshit contract, (which ironically wasn't signed by them for any of the contractors. I'm trying to advocate for them and let them know that they can get out of this mess and still work with dogs if they get out now before she ruins them. This could actually be a very beneficial spin on the story, I swear this crazy bitch will recruit people who she know she can dominate and people who have a big following crowd and the animal and dog right community such as rescue directors and shelters. I swear to God it's just like she is **trafficking dog trainers** that she brainwashes to do exactly what she says, which is whatever it takes to get the **bottom dollar!!**"*

A lot of what this woman is saying is exactly what we have been hearing from many, many different sources. To those who are still working for this company and would like to get away, or to those who've left but are afraid to talk: They cannot do shit to you, so please leave or come forward. These dogs need help and you can be their voice. This company may believe they can blackmail you or threaten you into silence, but they can't. You can even come forward anonymously and we will help you be their voice.

As this person confirmed, this company is all about the money and doesn't give one single fuck about dogs. **These "trainers" have no training.** They aren't even certified in canine CPR. What appear to be good people who go into this line of work with hearts hopeful to help animals end up being pressured into doing things they're not comfortable with and disagree with, they stay out of fear. This seems very much like an abusive relationship more than an occupation. I'm going to be working with this person more as the days go by to be able to bring you more information in taking these fuckers down.

From [a blog](#) written by the family who owned him and sent him to another OLK9 facility in Florida. This poor dog and that poor family, man. How does this happen? Again, this is something on-par with everything we've been hearing. I know that the protocol these people follow is to notify the family within 3 days if their animal isn't eating...so what happened? We know these folks had 3 grown kids in the area should anyone need to contact them, so why didn't they? How did his tooth get broken? How did a healthy, strong animal drop **30 pounds in two weeks!**? This is unbelievable! And yet, this is happening at just about every location of OLK9's 80+ locations all over the country!

The headquarters for this place in Virginia has yet to return our phone calls, or anyone else for that matter...but [The Dog Show With Nick And Joe](#) (Nick White is the owner of this entire company) doing a podcast tomorrow at 2pm. It's almost as if they want to be in control of the conversation so it can't be rightfully twisted against them...

I'm NOT saying to listen to the podcast and blow up their feed demanding answers, but I definitely am telling you to blow up their newsfeed demanding answers. That will be pretty telling if they have a million people asking questions and they don't address any of them.

We'll be back tomorrow to see how the podcast went, to speak with the former employees and to introduce you to another dog who has been tortured by this company. We love you all and special thanks to everyone who has been helping us and those who've come forward.

Part 4: An Irresponsible Business Model That Basically Ensures That Animals Are Going to Get Hurt And Not Immediately Receive Medical Attention

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Hey guys, welcome to part four of Exposing Off Leash K9 Training LLC. Today we'll be taking a look at their business model which seems like a good idea in theory, but in practice is a true shitshow and putting animals in danger. If you need to catch up, here's [part 1](#), [part 2](#) and [part 3](#).

From one client, I learned that she had paid \$2,600 for two weeks and from a former trainer, \$2,800. That's the price range of the packages you can purchase from OLK9. So, what do you get for your money? To basically have zero overhead, these people board dogs at trainers homes for two weeks of training with an e-collar and shoved in a crate. As you saw in Becca Hammond's video, some dog crates are stacked on one another.

And often stuck with a fucking sociopath with zero training in training dogs, because that makes sense.

About the e-collars: They aren't shock collars that straight up zap your pup like a stun gun to the throat or some shit, but rather a collar designed to use a small amount of electricity to stimulate the dog's throat. It can be a useful training tool when not in the hands of friggin' psychos and is often recommended by vets. Where you stand on the usage of an e-collar is your own business, I'm just here with FACKS (personally, I'm not a fan). I've been receiving stories from clients of the trainers misusing the collars, even some allegations that Becca Hammond went and strapped the e-collar to a dog's balls on numerous occasions. Surprisingly there aren't any manic, sloppy jawed videos of her complaining about how dogs yelp as their balls are getting zapped. Kinda shocked actually, no pun intended.

Now, while they charge a client around \$2,800, typically the trainers only get about \$850 of that cash and the business itself gets the remaining \$1,950 or so. That's a sweet deal for a business with virtually zero overhead, really the only thing they have to pay is a small amount for cheap insurance which they so very obviously need because JFC, man these animals are getting fucked up. Just stick a dog the size of a Great Dane in a chihuahua crate, strap an e-collar on him so he learns not to bark or whine from being so fucking miserable and call it a profitable day. Look, this is America and America is a capitalist nation. There's nothing wrong with a business making money, however at this point ethics has come into play in a major way.

Now, where the trainers themselves are getting \$850 per dog every two weeks, I can see why they'd want to take more than one single animal. How the fuck you justify having ten in your home, as a lot of these trainers do, is wayyy beyond my understanding of greed and complete lack of ethics. While some trainers aren't the problem with not really having a choice how many dogs they have to care after, they're not completely off the hook either. At some point, a bell should ring in your head that maybe, perhaps having an insane amount of crated dogs in your house isn't a good thing. As you saw with the [Laughlin Kennel saga](#) which ended with them being shut down and becoming part of the Turtleboy Sports Graveyard, when you have many animals in a confined space they tend to get wicked sick. Dogs who have health issues are coming into contact with healthy dogs, and the next thing you know they all have kennel cough and other shitty puppy illnesses.

So, why have ten dogs in your house? I mean, aside from being straight up fucking cruel, the puppy accidents (Like the Great Dane peeing and slashing in it) must create one hell of a smell. The noise must be absolutely deafening! My current pup isn't a barker, but I've had dogs my entire life and frankly, the whole barking thing can be fucking maddening at times. I wasn't about to put an e-collar on them, though because they're dogs and dogs bark, I knew that getting into this. So it's really no wonder why a lot of these poor pups come home with some form of puppy PTSD (I don't know if that's a real thing or not, but they have a pulse and a mind so I'm going to go ahead and assume it is) or come home scared and/or aggressive. Yes, you read that right. Dogs who were sent to this company's trainers for behavioral issues came back worse than before. So did they get a refund or anything? NOPE, no they did not. So trainers get pushed by the company to take in more dogs than any one person could handle, all while the trainers are also doing outside lessons for customers who don't want to board their animals. That's how Knox died. Amelia was out doing private lessons and came back 4 hours later to a dead dog. You guys starting to see how this is a really terrible idea for running a business that boards and trains dogs?

Another point to bring up is how these dogs are boarded with the personal dogs the trainers already own. I've gotten so many emails and messages about dogs who've been attacked or otherwise injured by the trainer's dogs, which loops us back to Amelia. Again. Ugh...sorry. A while before Knox died but while he was being boarded there, one of her own dogs viciously attacked another dog she was boarding and training. Chantel Mayo obtained the photos and she posted them to her IG and gave me the go ahead to use them. Not that I couldn't either way, it's just nice when a nice lady lets you use her shit. Thankfully these photos are of the dog, a German Shepard, after treatment and on the way to recovery instead of gruesome shit.

That poor baby! Can anyone else see the look of "WTF!?" in his eyes? How the hell can a dog be so vicious to be able to take on a German fucking Shepard? I know doggies sometimes fight, I know they do their roughhousing puppy stuff, but to straight up attack another dog to the point that he needs medical attention? That's not cool. If this trainer has such an aggressive dog herself, how is she going to be able to train your dog not to be? This isn't just happening at her place, but all around the country.

When you introduce new animals who will be living together, you have to do so slowly and carefully, you have to observe them at all times and introduce them over short periods of time, each time getting longer until they're cool with each other. You can't just toss a bunch of dogs into your house and think everything will be hunky dory. That's how shit like this happens. I'm pretty sure this is the worst part of their shit business model. It puts all animals involved at risk for being injured and/or killed. And what happens if they are injured? Well, when I asked a former trainer she said that there's literally no protocol for scenarios like this, or having a dog die in your care. OLK9 operates with a "monkey see, monkey do" training for the trainers system...a system that doesn't work. So no trainer is prepared for the situation of having to deal with an animal that is sick, injured or otherwise unwell. In the event of an emergency, most reputable companies have a credit card on file for each dog so that you can quickly take them to the vet to get help. Not OLK9, when trainers need to take an animal to the vet they are expected to pay out of pocket at that moment and will later be reimbursed. I'm 100% positive this is why so many dogs don't get immediate care when sick or injured. Even though they're pulling in \$850 per dog, we don't know that they have that money on hand for whatever reason.

It is the responsibility of the company to ensure the safety of the animals they board and train, and they're not living up to that responsibility. They don't offer the safety net of a credit card or anything else on file to be able to get these dogs immediate care when needed. That's a really shitty business plan when you're cutting corners to assure zero overhead costs by boarding too many dogs, most with behavioral issues, with trainers who have their own dogs. This is intentionally putting animals into dangerous situations, overloading poorly trained

trainers and not ensuring that they have the immediate means to provide medical attention when something inevitably goes wrong. People see that price tag and feel confident that their dog will be safe, paying that amount of money gives folks a false sense of security. In reality, that price tag ensures nothing but lining pockets and potentially putting your beloved dog in danger.

As I stated earlier, there is nothing wrong with making money in America, it's how successful people become successful and that's the American dream. However, when your profit comes from intentionally putting the safety and well being of animals at risk, that makes you a greedy shitbag of a company.

In part 5 of Exposing Off Leash K9 Training LLC, we'll be exploring more cases of neglect in many different states and discussing the owner and "operator", Nick White. See y'all soon.

Part 5: Money Obsessed Cheapskate Trainer Forces 30 Dogs On Two Trainers And Tried To Place Blame On Innocent Trainer For Dog's Death, Turns Out She's Also Not Licensed To Do Anything

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Hey everybody! Welcome to part 5 of this insane story of how the owner of Off Leash K9 Training LLC, Nick White, has let what was once a reputable company become a complete shitshow. Today we'll be talking about how exactly that happened and how the story of Baloo became completely twisted by the owner of that franchise, Randi Laferney. If you need to catch up, here ya go: [Part one](#), [part two](#), [part three](#), and [part four](#). I'm just gonna warn y'all now, this is going to be a long one. I suggested you grab a beer, get some popcorn and celebrate the rollercoaster this is to the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

You may remember the name Michael Breitsprecher from [part three](#) of our investigation. The only information that was made publicly available was what the family had written in the blog I'd featured in that article. None of it made any sense. How, in the span of two weeks with texts and video showing a healthy dog, did he just up and die? I was fortunate enough to speak to with Michael, the accused dog killer, and not only got to the bottom of what had really happened, but I also went down yet another rabbit hole of greed, negligence and straight up fuckery at the hands of [Randi LaFerney](#).

I really dunno why the hell the women who really run things straight into the ground so hard and tunnel straight to hell are hot, but don't let the pretty faces fool you. This chick in particular is one hell of a sociopath, and from what several sources have all independently from one another confirmed she's only after the money, admittedly only about the money. She's allegedly so obsessed with stacking that paper that she's willing to let dogs suffer, put them in danger and let them die.

To truly understand what happened with Baloo, and so many other poor dogs, we have to back up a few years. In 2014 OLK9 began offering the opportunity to own a franchise which was promoted by a [blog post](#) in July of that year. This was what used to be required to operate a franchise back then:

"As an Off Leash K9 Training trainer, you will spend 21 days at our facility in Northern Virginia, observing and

taking part in over 240+ hours of dog training! You will see all breeds, ages, and sizes! You will see all temperaments and energy levels!

At the end of your 21 day training, you will have all the tools, knowledge, and know-how to deal with basic obedience, advanced obedience, and behavioral modification."

That sounds all well and good, until shit went sideways and exploded from around 30 locations to 80 and they couldn't have that volume of trainers being trained at the OLK9 headquarters anymore. They began to assign outside trainers, all of whom had varying training methods. That's a fantastic way to make damn sure your brand is about to become really inconsistent. This led to an explosion of franchises all over the country, a coinciding serious dip in quality control, and a Craig's List add in Palm Beach County, Florida posted by Randi and responded to by Michael. He had been a **real** trainer, and groomer, for quite some time before this and thought this was a great opportunity for him and his husband (you know we're a progressive blog and love the gays). Looks appealing, doesn't it?:

Michael ended up heading to Virginia to be trained by Nick White, but while there he was assigned another trainer by Randi for an unknown reason. Whatever the case was Randi southern charmed her way into Michael's trust bubble and he went with it despite not liking their training method of "If the e-collar isn't working, turn that shit up until it does. Then call it training". Michael had stuck to what he'd learned before and was the **most** effective trainer for the South Florida franchise, something Randi would come resent them for later on. Michael and his husband were the faces of OLK9 in that area and that made that petty bitch Randi jealous as hell. That makes sense considering she allegedly threw a hissy fit when she was told by OLK9 owner, Nick White, that she had to pay Michael more than she was planning on before they were hired. When the boss says an employee has to be paid more than what they're getting paid, that tells me that she was offering peanuts for what this guy was about to take on which you will see in a moment is fucking insane.

After training in the summer of 2016, Michael went on to work with Randi for some time and he and his husband had pitched the idea of "Camp Off Leash"; a 5 acre farmhouse with five bedrooms, 3 baths, an in-law apartment and horse stables they had converted into a boarding area for the dogs, which featured very large areas for dogs to hang out in between training and playing with heavy-duty, well ventilated cages:



Since this was part of Randi's business, she had agreed to take on the lease for the house, while Michael and his hubby paid for the electric, water and ended up paying for pest control to ensure the safety of the dogs. Randi had previously refused to spring for the service, because it wasn't as though dog's lives were at risk or anything. No biggie. This was the beginning of the problems these two would have with Randi. Another issue that arose at this time was how Michael had two stipulations: 1) That every dog must be up to date on his vaccinations before coming to the camp because dogs coming into contact with other dogs who are not vaccinated will spread disease. 2) That if there were two or three dogs living in a home together that they were **not to be separated** and all dogs trained together. Make sense? If one dog is trained and the others aren't, then how the hell is that going to be effective? Answer: It won't. Randi refused to enforce both conditions which is important to note as this directly affected Baloo.

In December of 2017, business was booming and Randi had pushed 30 dogs on two trainers, as is typical with Off Leash where they overload the trainers they have with more dogs than anyone can handle, no matter what space they have. However this couple who really care about the dog's wellbeing found themselves waking up at 5 am to feed, train, play with 30 dogs. Daily cleaning of every single surface of the facility and a pressure washed deep cleaning once a week, never really being able to rest throughout the day between taking care of and cleaning up after thirty (30) fucking dogs until November later that year.

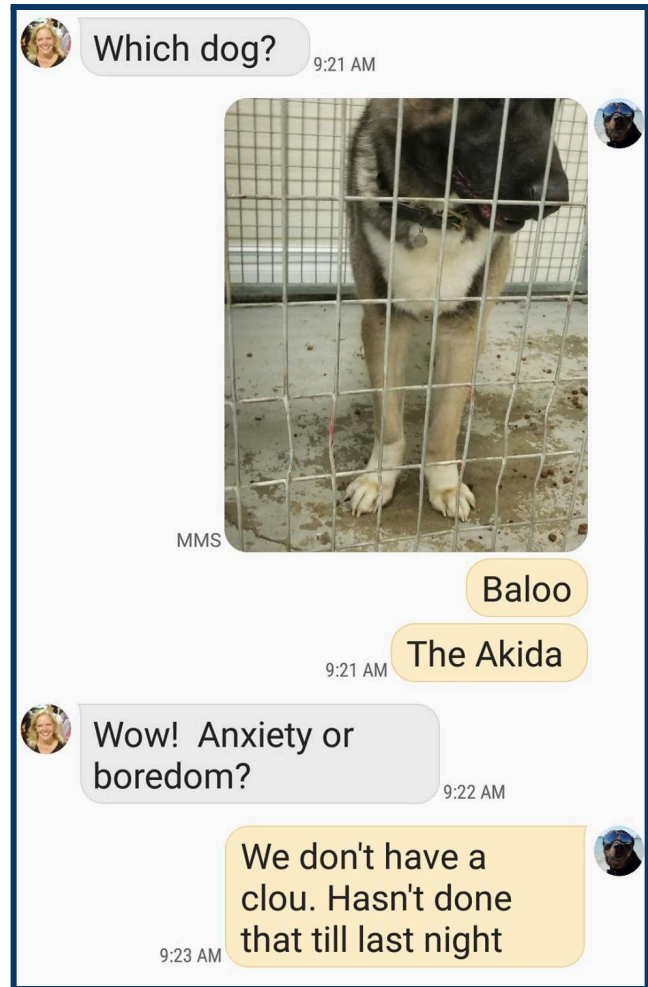
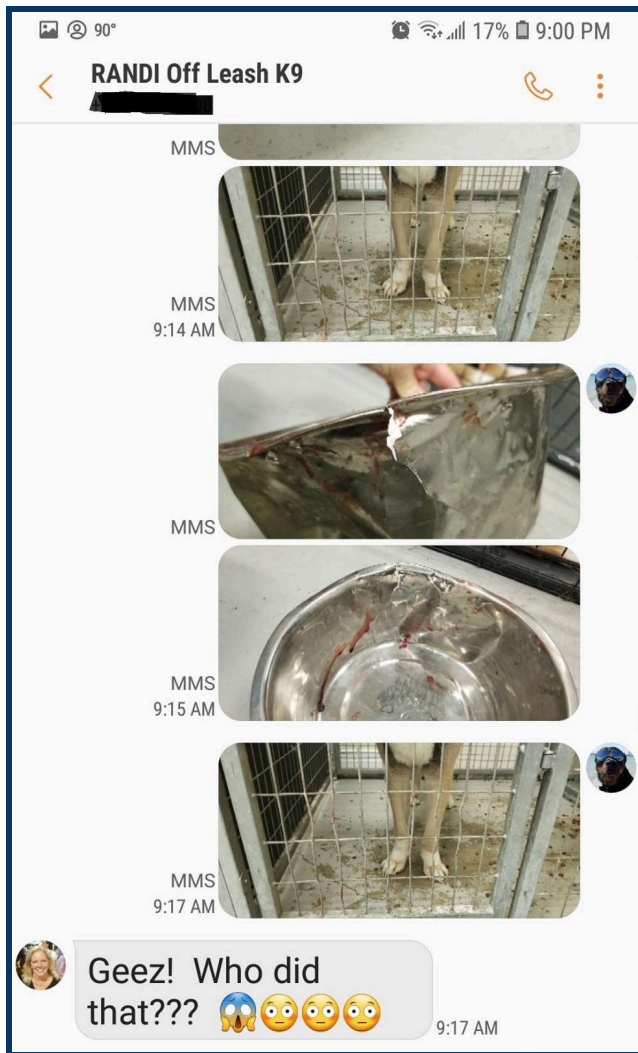
Eleven whole months of Randi pushing dogs in and Michael and his husband turning them around. I'm telling y'all, while I was listening to the description of this insanity Michael was telling me they had dealt with, I started feeling sympathy overwhelmed. That's kinda like Kevin Cullen's "Second hand PTSD" except I actually felt bad for these guys. They soldiered on and did every damn thing, every damn day until they had their first inkling that something was really wrong with Randi, aside from just being money hungry and not caring about the dogs she was working with.

Michael's husband had suffered a seizure in September and was driven to the hospital. While en route, they received a phone call from Randi who had the minerals to question whether or not this was actually happening. Imagine that shit. You're driving your loved one to the hospital after what was obviously, and later proven to be, a seizure and your boss calls and asks if they're faking it. Nah bitch, nah. That right there was the second sign that they were dealing with a sociopath, but these guys stuck with it because they loved what they did and did it well.

Now remember what I said concerning the stipulation that if two dogs lived together that both must be trained at the same time, or not at all? Well, Baloo was one of two dogs who lived in one home, the other dog being his sister and best friend. Upon hearing about Baloo, Michael said he refused to take just the one dog, Randi turned around and said that they had paid in full and there was no choice but to take him. So take him they did and within two days, Baloo was actually very responsive to commands and training. See how he learned to sit on an overturned bucket thing? Cute as all hell.

Not only are these guys really good, qualified and experienced trainers, but they also know how to make sure that the dogs are comfortable, healthy and safe at their facility. Aside from making sure that the place was kept spotless, odor free and hygienic they had digital thermostats to maintain a constant temperature of 72 degrees. The dogs were treated to a haircut by Michael, as well. They even had, I shit you not, salt lamps and essential oil diffusers to comfort the dogs and uplift their spirits. It's like these dogs went to a training boot camp that was more spa and just camp. Michael and his husband wanted folks who were trusting them with their family pets to rest assured that their dogs were being taught obedience, but were also being pampered. They only trained and played with the dogs outside in the very early morning and later evenings when it was cooler outside so that they wouldn't get too hot while learning their puppy stuff. Here's their video:

Here's where things get shitty, however. Despite making so much progress, Michael had to send these texts to Randi on July 4th:



(English is their second language, German being the first. It's a damn good try, at least)

Here's the things about the Akita breed, they can be aggressive. Don't bother Googling "Akita Attributes", I already did it for ya:

Akita traits

Akita Dog Breed Information and **Personality** Traits. An affectionate and **loyal** family member, the Akita is happy to be an only dog and can be **aggressive** toward other dogs outside the family. The large size of the Akita can make him difficult to **control** and so is not a breed suitable for everyone.

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"Can be aggressive" and "The large size of the Akita can make him difficult to control". We're talking about a dog, albeit a sweet one, who has a bite force of 300 to 350 pounds of pressure combined with the anxiety of being separated from his family and most importantly his sister. He was so upset that he was chewing the walls of his cage which, as you can see in the pictures above, are obviously heavy-duty and made to last a lifetime. Somehow, Baloo bent them all up with ease overnight. This poor pup was so upset about being there alone that I

believe this is how he had lost his tooth as reported in the necropsy although it was never found during the deep cleanings, so who know where it happened.

This brings us to Baloo's death. Sadly, on July 6th, Michael and his husband had to have their own dog put to sleep. They had a vet come to the house because they felt it was better for her to pass at home while surrounded by people who love her. Those are some folks who really care about dogs' lives. That right there speaks volumes. Now obviously had there been anything wrong with Baloo aside from obvious stress and separation anxiety there would have had the vet check him out right then and there. The only problems up until now had been small cuts on his mouth from chewing metal apart and had been eating a bit less. This was towards the end of his second week and was supposed to be going home soon, so Michael figured he'd return home to become untrained again, but at least he'd be happy to be reunited with his whole family. The very next day, July 7th of 2017, Michael's husband had called him over saying that Baloo wasn't very alert or responsive. Over the phone during our interview, his exact words to me were "It seemed like his mind was just gone". Obviously they rushed Baloo over to the vet that South Florida Off Leash used where the vet said that he was dehydrated. That doesn't seem too out of the ordinary when you consider that he was so emotionally fucked up.

Here's where we see the ultimate shady side of Randi: When she was informed of the situation, which was on the way to the vet, she demanded they go to a local emergency room for animals. This made no sense considering that Baloo was almost at the vet's office when she said this. Why was she protesting using the vet that her business has used since the start? As Michael tells me, she allegedly told them that she was hoping to avoid a lawsuit. Michael said fuck that and continued on to the vet where he'd get more than adequate care. (Now there is a lawsuit against her.)

Baloo spent 9 hours at the vet's getting checked out, observed and getting fluids. Michael and his husband were by his side for nine hours before Michael took his exhausted hubby home with the intentions of returning to the vet right after. On the way back to the vet, Michael got a call from the vet's office and was informed that while he was gone that short time, Baloo wasn't doing well at all. By the time he reached the vet's office, he had seen Baloo in a muzzle with several people surrounding him making sure he didn't try and bolt. Michael wasn't allowed to go in to see Baloo and had to leave him there over night, there wasn't shit he could do about it.

The next morning, instead of the vet calling him, Michael called to check up on Baloo and was happy to hear that he was doing well and he could be picked up in an hour. Except that thirty minutes later... Baloo was dead. The vet said he had died of shock. How the fuck does a dog go from being a little dehydrated, to agitated enough to be forced to wear a muzzle to just fine, then dead of shock in under 12 hours!? This makes absolutely no sense whatsoever! It's quite interesting to see that not only did Michael immediately do the right thing and take Baloo to the vet at the first sign of something being wrong, but also to see that Baloo died in the custody of the vet. The vet is a bit shady himself, considering he missed the cancer in Michael's dog who was just put to sleep days prior to this, dismissing the x-rays as "bad". When reviewed after the dog's death by another vet, it was very obviously bone cancer.

Anywho... So, Baloo has now passed and Michael is understandably upset and calls Randi to let her know. His account of it was that she wasn't all that concerned with this issue, and wanted Michael to take Baloo's body over to Gainesville, Fl. for a necropsy. She couldn't be bothered to go over there or go with them herself because she was hanging out with her new boyfriend. OK. Whatever the reason, it's not good enough to not be there when something like this happens. No excuse.

Michael had no choice but to take Baloo's body, which was placed in a box, over to Gainesville for the necropsy. The necropsy didn't happen for 10 whole days. Why? Because Randi refused to pay for it for that long without informing Michael or his husband. Ten days, this dog's body was sitting in an ultra cold fridge, becoming more and more dehydrated (and losing weight) until Randi finally decided to cough up the money to have the necropsy preformed. All the while she was also complaining about the \$6,000 vet bill she'd have to pay, which is just about when the truth about how this entire operation was being run.

Michael ended up paying the vet bills out-of-pocket while asking Randi why she wouldn't call the insurance company to cover the cost. Randi's excuse de jour was that she didn't want her premium to go up. Now, any time someone doesn't use the insurance they supposedly have, it's a giant red flag. This is the exact reason you have insurance, so you're not fucked right now. Sure, you'll have to pay a bit more in the long run, but it's always worth it to make an insurance claim. So why she didn't, and why Michael and his husband had to pay for this themselves, is something of a mind fuck...but we all know why.

Later on down the line, the ACC which stands for Animal Care Control which is an organization that keeps establishments like this in line started poking around Randi. At this point, Michael and his husband unaware that Randi had **never** gone to the zoning board to pay the \$7,000 fee to be able to operate where they were. She also **did not have a tax ID**, meaning she didn't register her business. She was running an illegal kennel, not paying any fees or taxes, raking in money by boarding 30 dogs at a time between two trainers and refusing to pay anything aside from rent.

Speaking of rent, Randi decided this puppy paradise was costing her too much and ended up forcing Michael and his husband out of the house. Still trying to work together, Michael suggested buying a commercial place that they could set up like the way they had their dog spa training camp, only larger. At this point Randi finally decided to tell Michael that they couldn't do that, and when pushed for an answer why, Randi finally admitted that **she was unlicensed**. You can't run a commercial dog training/boarding facility if you're unlicensed. Which she had already known, especially considering that when the ACC became involved they began fining the landlord of Camp Off Leash **\$1,000 per day** that Randi continued this bullshit parade. Gee, I wonder why the hell they had to get outta there!? Almost seems like she was trying to keep that a big old secret, certainly when you consider that she tried her best the entire time to keep Micheal and his man from having contact with the landlord.

With the secret out, Randi hired a real estate agent to find a new place to set up shop and run an illegal kennel/training facility. Allegedly, Micheal was told by Randi to "stay under the radar" and go for a residential place. It's much, much easier to do this kind of shit out of a residential zoned place rather than a commercially zoned area because no one is going door to door asking to see licensing or registration papers where people are meant to live, not run this sort of business. No matter how much Michael asked, Randi was supposedly against going legit. Especially considering that **once you're found to have been guilty of running an illegal kennel, you can't ever run a legal one after that in Florida**. So why does her [LinkedIn](#) say she's **currently** the owner of Off Leash K9 Training in West palm Beach, FL? Meanwhile, her [Facebook page](#) doesn't list any form of employment at all, but she posts all sorts of dog stuff all day long, much of it to do with training. Two different sources independently confirmed not only a very huge portion of these allegations, but also informed me that she is still in operation and makes her trainers **not** wear the company t-shirts. As a matter of fact, the ACC in Palm Beach County would really like to talk to her, because they can't find her. Almost as if she's in hiding and running from the puppy po-po. Strange.

So here's the information on how to contact them if ya happen to run into her. This is the part of their website where you contact them online: [Right here](#).

If you want to visit:

7100 Belvedere Road

West Palm Beach, 33411

(west of Florida Turnpike) This is their main phone number: 561-233-1200

This number is toll-free from Delray or Boca: 561-276-1344

It really looks like Michael and his husband did nothing wrong here. I spoke to this man for five and a half hours, I tried to record the call (with permission, of course) but my stupid app kept failing, so I took about 15 double-sided pages of notes. I asked every question a person could, he told me more than would ever fit in this blog and there's were no holes in his story at all. Not to mention several sources who've mentioned her prior to me speaking with Michael, and those who confirmed information afterwards.

I feel that this was one unfortunate event after another which culminated in the death of a dog which he, nor his husband, had anything to do with. Something that Randi has been placing the blame for strictly on him. Why, because he was there, did the right thing, took immediate action and did his very best? Ya know, all those things you **didn't** do?

I've been told numerous times that she's purely, admittedly 100% money driven which is fine as long as you take care of the animals in your care, are responsible and legal. If you're driven by money so much so that you become a danger to animals, I'm going to call you out. This kind of shit is utterly reprehensible, deplorable and fucking disgusting. If I was Nick White, I'd cut ties and cut them quick with this one. Also, if I was Nick White, I'd get my shit together really fast and stop whoring out the name of my business to people like Randi, I'd get some fucking standards and I'd retain some integrity.

OFF LEASH K9 TRAINING - MYRTLE BEACH DOG TRAINERS & Britney Pelletier

<https://www.myrtlebeachdogtrainers.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/OLK9MyrtleBeach>

Diesel

[Kim Livesay](#)

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!! !! Another Off Leash K9 dog death!!!! !! !!

April 30th, 2019. Just weeks ago in SOUTH CAROLINA!!!! Diesel, a 9 month old German Shepherd puppy, died while in the care of his Off Leash trainer, Britney Pelletier.

Diesel's pic posted with owners' permission

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I will paraphrase the report. Please read for yourself and feel free to point out any mistakes and I will immediately correct:

Cause of death as determined by veterinary practice who attempted to save the dog and examined the body: HEAT STROKE.

Internal body temp of 107° TWO HOURS AFTER the practice received the puppy. Regular IV access was impossible to obtain and a jugular IV had to be done. Diesel had a cardiac arrest and was revived, but after the second cardiac arrest, he was unable to be saved.

The owner elected to have the body cremated since the cause of death was stated by the vet in the report. No official necropsy was done.

No criminal charges have been placed at the time. Civil litigation is possible.

Included also is the documentation stating that the trainer, **Britney Pelletier** is the registered agent. It does not necessarily mean that she owns the LLC. I am still working to confirm the owner but feel certain in commenting that the franchise owner is NOT Randi LaFerney.



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LAS VEGAS OFF LEASH K9 TRAINING & Willie Harrell

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Vegas dog trainer has license removed after viral 'baseball bat' video

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<https://www.ktnv.com/news/investigations/las-vegas-dog-trainer-has-licensed-removed-after-disturbing-baseball-bat-video>

LAS VEGAS (KTNV) — A Las Vegas dog training company says they have parted ways with a veteran dog trainer after video surfaced of him using a baseball bat to control a dog with a history of biting people.

The video was obtained by 13 Investigates and it shows Willie Harrell, connected to [Las Vegas Off Leash K9 Training](#) in late 2017 or 2018 at a location near Craig Road and I-15.

The video is approximately 2 minutes long and begins with Harrell holding a leash of a whimpering male Doberman.

The video shows Harrell appearing to threaten the dog with the bat while using obscenities and issuing commands.

Out of the camera's video, the dog appears to yelp multiple times when Harrell approaches.

The video has been viewed and shared thousands of times on social media as of Tuesday.

"It's really hard to even talk about that video. It's just so upsetting," said Angie English, a pet owner.

"I couldn't even compose myself; I'm not even completely composed," said English through tears.

English spent \$4,000 for her two dogs to be trained by Harrell.

After seeing the video, she has concerns after leaving them in his care.

"It just feels really unfair and to see what this dog is going through, and they don't have a voice, they cannot speak," said English.

"You could go there and just be done with the business, and you would never know what happened, you would never know," added English.

Late Tuesday night, the company released a statement about the video and Harrell, stating he was no longer with the company.

"Due to recently surfaced video footage of highly inappropriate training techniques, Willie Harrell has had his licensing contract terminated and no longer affiliated with Off Leash K9 Training.

Effective immediately."

Off Leash K9 Training Las Vegas

13 Investigates has learned the company is part of a nationwide chain of chapters in various states.

13 Investigates contacted Harrell late Tuesday night and he said the dog in the video had a history of biting people and was scheduled to be put down.

"Am I sorry the video came out, yes and no," said Harrell by phone.

"Yes, because it puts me in a different light, no because the reason that bat was in my hand is what happened prior, that dog kept coming at me," explained Harrell.

Harrell said the bat was the nearest object to him in case he needed to defend himself.

Harrell said he may have used inappropriate methods but feels he saved the dog's life.

According to Harrell, the dog was unharmed and now lives in Montana.

There is no criminal investigation, and so far, no one has reported any issues to the police.



Alleged Animal Abuse

[Kim Livesay](#)

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⚠️ WARNING ⚠️ ALLEGED ANIMAL ABUSE ⚠️ ⚠️ ABUSIVE LANGUAGE ⚠️

I received this video an hour ago.

It appears to be the Off Leash K9 LAS VEGAS.

It appears to be the owner, Willie Harrell

The dog in the video appears to have on an “e-collar/shock collar”

Mr Harrell appears to have an instrument in his hand resembling a bat or similar structure

Listen for the dog when they are out of sight in the video

This video appears to be in their Off Leash Las Vegas location by the distinctive mural in the background and flooring that was in place until Fall of 2018

This dog appears to have been at the facility for a Board and Train in Spring 2018

Watch the video and judge the Off Leash K9 method for yourself....

Tell me again about these “isolated incidents”....

Changing Their Names Last Night

[Kim Livesay](#)

May 22, 2019

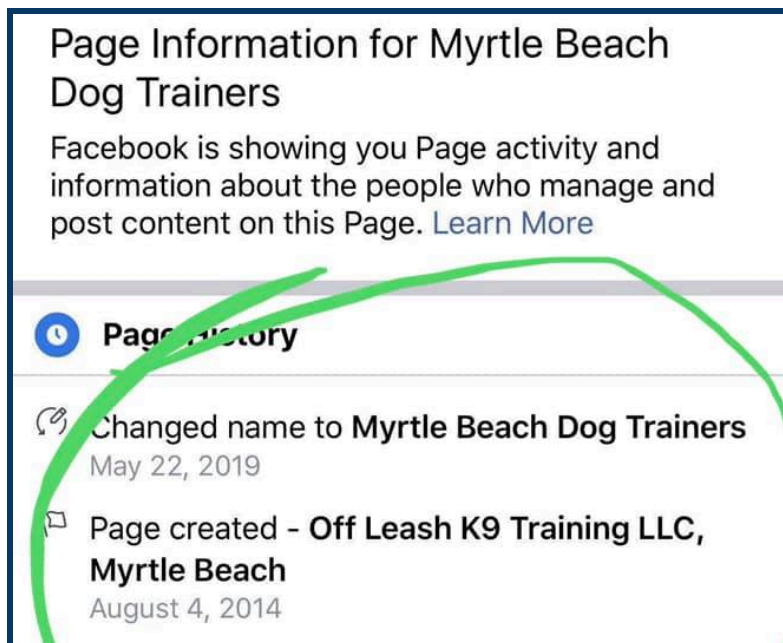
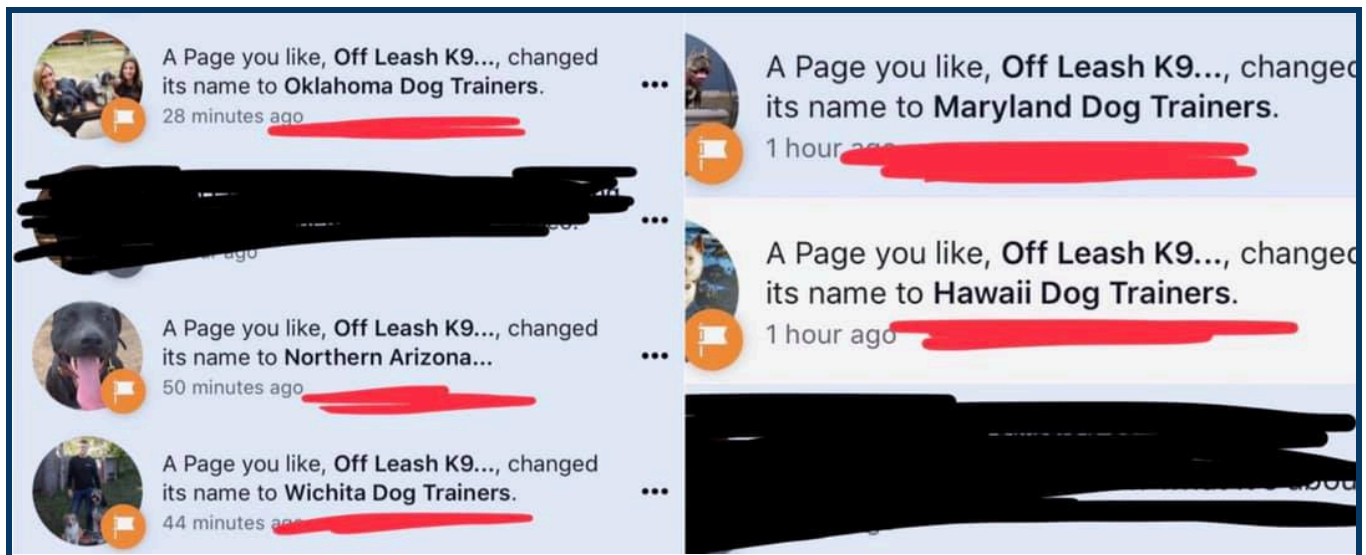
Just my opinion here, but I find it fascinating that these locations were changing their names last night and removing OFF LEASH.....but, aren't they still the SAME PLACE???

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A Page you like, **Off Leash K9...**,
changed its name to **Rochester/
Syracuse...**

Yesterday at 22:21



Breeding Pits???

[Kim Livesay](#)

May 22, 2019

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Caught prior to the Off Leash K9 Las Vegas page being taken down. Are they breeding pits at this location also???

Correct me if I'm wrong, but aren't pits THE most abused and euthanized breed in the country???

I mean, is there a shortage of them that I'm not aware of?

Owner's wife - Lisa Harrell - commented on this post below and states these are pictures of Cane Corso puppies and the Off Leash K9 Vegas location posted for a client**No proof yet provided.

Facebook interface for "Dog Training Las Vegas: Off Leash K9 Training".

Navigation: Home, Create, Deb, Home, Create, [Profile], [Messages]

Actions: Like, Follow, Share, ...

Buttons: Book Now, Send Message

Profile: Dog Training Las Vegas: Off Leash K9 Training @OLK9Vegas

Menu: Home, Posts, Videos, Photos, Community, About

Grid of photos featuring dogs and puppies, many with text overlays like "Available female" and "Mobile Uploads".

Section: THE NAME GAME:

1. Post a pic of your dog in the comments
2. Let people comment what they would have named your dog
3. Reveal you

Chat (209)

OFF LEASH K9 TRAINING TRI-CITIES, Randi LaFerney & Andrew Hunigan

Dallas, Miniature Bull Terrier - Dead

Randi Laferney, owner Off Leash K9 Training Tri-Cities
Trainer, Andrew Hunigan

Asheville off leash K9 training owner faces animal cruelty charges in Tennessee

May 8th 2019

<https://wlos.com/news/local/off-leash-k9-training-owner-faces-animal-cruelty-charges-in-tennessee>

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (WLOS) — Warrants have been issued in Tennessee for the owner of Off Leash K-9 training. Randi LaFerney owns the franchise that also has a location in Asheville.

She and one of her trainers, have been charged with aggravated cruelty to animals in Washington County, Tennessee.

The dog in question is 9-month-old Dallas, a miniature bull terrier.

Dallas' owners say he died after spending more than five weeks in the custody of Off Leash K-9 training in Johnson City.

Our sister station [WCYB](#) spoke to LaFerney on the phone Wednesday about the charges against her.

"This was an accident, so I don't know anything about any charges," she said.

According to the dog owners' attorney, they were told not to visit Dallas because it would "interrupt" the dog's training.

The attorney added that the family was never informed of any health issues during his stay.

After he died, Dallas' owners picked him up from the facility, and because of severe emaciation, he was then sent to UT-Knoxville.

Wednesday afternoon, [LaFerney's attorney issued a statement on her behalf.](#)

"We are waiting for a necropsy report from the University of Tennessee Veterinary School before commenting," Attorney Bob King said. "While we have been informed of the results, we have not seen the official report. We are respecting the investigation of Dallas' by the proper authorities by not commenting on the case until the process has advanced more fully."

LaFerney does not face any charges in Asheville, according to Asheville Police and the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office.

News 13 reached out to the Off Leash K-9 training location on Wednesday, but never heard back.

Owner of Asheville's Off Leash K9 Training facility charged after client's puppy dies at Tennessee location

May 9, 2019

<https://myfox8.com/2019/05/09/owner-of-ashevelles-off-leash-k9-training-facility-charged-after-clients-puppy-dies-at-tennessee-location/>

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — The owner of a Tennessee Off Leash K9 Training facility, who also runs the Asheville location, is facing charges after a client's puppy died in Johnson City, according to [WCYB](#).

Randi LaFerney, the owner of the Tennessee and North Carolina facilities, and Andrew Hunigan, a trainer, are

charged with aggravated cruelty to animals.

A 9-month-old miniature bull terrier named Dallas was spending five weeks at the Johnson City site but didn't survive the stay.

WCYB spoke on the phone with LaFerney who said the puppy's death was an "accident."

"The discussions that we had with the trainer and the owner were that the dog had an accidental death, and the dog had passed away due to trying to come out of a crate that it had been kept into sleep in at night,"

Washington County/Johnson City Animal Shelter Director Tammy Davis told the station.

After Dallas died, the family picked up the puppy's body from the training facility and brought it to their family veterinarian for a necropsy, WCYB reports.

Off Leash K9 Training has independently owned and operated locations all across the country, including Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Fayetteville. Randi LaFerney is only listed as the owner of the Johnson City and Asheville franchises.

UPDATE: Puppy died from starvation, dehydration; Johnson City training facility's owner, trainer released on bond

05/13/2019

<https://www.johnsoncitypress.com/law-enforcement/2019/05/13/Puppy>

Update:

The dog trainer charged with aggravated animal cruelty turned himself in at the Washington County Detention Center late Monday, according to jail records.

Andrew "Andy" Hunigan, 28, 1 Gatewood Drive, Johnson City, had possession of the dog when it died. He was booked into the jail around 10 p.m. Monday.

His boss, Randi LaFerney, 55, 405 Sugar Hollow Road, Piney Flats, was booked in on the same charge earlier in the day.

Both are free on \$10,000 bond each and they will be arraigned later today.

Reported Monday:

An 8-month-old Bull Terrier puppy died from starvation and dehydration, and there were no signs of strangulation, according to an arrest warrant charging a training facility owner with cruelty in the dog's death.

Randi LaFerney, who owns K9 Off Leash Training East Tennessee, turned herself in at the Washington County Detention Center on Monday afternoon but was released on \$10,000 bond, officials confirmed.

The trainer, Andrew "Andy" Hunigan, 28, 1 Gatewood Drive, Johnson City, had possession of the dog when it died. Hunigan was reportedly supposed to turn himself in as well, but had not shown up by late afternoon. Both Hunigan and LaFerney face one count of aggravated animal cruelty.

The dog reportedly lost half its body weight after being at the training facility for five weeks. Hunigan reportedly told the dog's owners that he believed Dallas had strangled himself trying to escape his crate, and that it wasn't the dog's emaciated condition that led to its death.

The puppy was in Hunigan's custody for what was supposed to be two weeks of obedience and housebreak training, Dallas ended up staying with him for six weeks because he told the owners the dog needed more time for housebreaking. Based on some findings of a necropsy, the dog was apparently deprived of food and water. The warrant charging LaFerney, 55, 405 Sugar Hollow Road, Piney Flats, states the necropsy, performed at the University of Tennessee veterinary hospital, showed the pup had zero fat content and no signs of food in his intestinal tract.

That would indicate the dog had not had food pass through for 24 hours. Dallas did, however, have a small amount of food in his stomach, which the report said indicated the dog ate a short time before he died.

Animal training and boarding facilities are not governed by any state law, and there is no current potential legislation filed for this term of the General Assembly.

State Sen. Jon Lundberg, R-Bristol, told the Press last week he believes what the state currently has on the books is sufficient, but regulating training facilities and kennels is something they will look at in the future.

"If we had additional laws, I don't think it would've been helpful," Lundberg said. "(LaFerney and Hunigan) clearly went past what we have already, which is why they're charged with animal cruelty."

Off Leash K9 Training LLC, East TN, is located at 3 Charter Court, Suite B, but dogs in training aren't kept there. Off Leash's training protocol calls for a dog to be assigned to a trainer for the training time and that dog lives with the trainer.

LaFerney is scheduled to be arraigned on the charge in Washington County Sessions Court on Tuesday afternoon.

Accused dog training company owner, trainer scheduled to appear in court Tuesday

May 14th 2019

<https://wcyb.com/news/local/accused-dog-training-company-owner-trainer-scheduled-to-appear-in-court-tuesday>

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. --- The owner of a Johnson City dog training company and a trainer that worked with the company are scheduled to appear in Washington County court on Tuesday.

Randi Laferney, owner of Off Leash K9 Training Tri-Cities, and Andrew Hunigan both face a charge of aggravated animal cruelty in the death of a 9-month-old miniature bull terrier named Dallas. Laferney [turned herself into authorities Monday](#) afternoon and was released after posting \$10,000 bond. Hunigan [turned himself in late Monday night](#) and was released on a bond of \$10,000.

Dallas spent five weeks in the custody of Off Leash before dying of starvation, [according to a necropsy report performed by U.T. Veterinary Medical Center in Knoxville](#). In a phone call with News 5's John Engel on May 8, Laferney said the situation was an "accident" and that she was cooperating with any investigation.

Laferney's attorney, Rick Spivey, said she has no responsibility for the death of Dallas because Hunigan worked as an "independent contractor" for Off Leash. He said the only contact Laferney had with the dog was on Dec. 23, then again once the dog had passed away. Here is Spivey's full statement:

In my 43 years of practicing criminal law, I've never seen a more egregious mistake by law enforcement officials. Randi Laferney personally had no control over this animal nor was she involved in any way with the death of this animal. She does own the business where the animal was located. She was not personally responsible for any actions regarding this dog. She's completely innocent.

Despite claims by Spivey that Laferney was not aware of any complaints against Hunigan, several former clients of Hunigan and Off Leash have told WCYB about issues regarding the training of their pets.

Jennifer and Bill Boylan say [Laferney gave them a \\$600 refund and paid for veterinary bills](#) related to a urinary tract infection their dog contracted after an in-boarding program with Hunigan.

"His hair from head to toe was thick and oily and he smelled like old stale urine," Jennifer Boylan told WCYB.

News 5's John Engel breaks down where we are in this story with a Facebook LIVE (note: At this point, Hunigan had not turned himself into authorities):

While both Laferney and Hunigan are scheduled to be in court Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., it's unclear if either will appear with their attorneys. Watch News 5 at 6 for the full story tonight.

Off Leash K9 Training owner issues statement amid animal cruelty charges

May 17, 2019

<https://www.wjhl.com/local/off-leash-k9-training-owner-issues-statement-amid-animal-cruelty-charges/2008811321>

"I have been involved in animal advocacy for 20 years. I have never been charged for a crime related to my animal ventures or anything else. The first time I laid eyes on Dallas other than his puppy consult in December was on May 2nd after I received a heart breaking call that he had died. I pride myself on my respect and care for animals and hire trainers with the same attitude. I trust that they care for these animals the way I would. I can honestly say at this time that I do not know what happened, but I do know I had absolutely no idea that Dallas was anything but a healthy dog until I learned of his untimely death. I have expressed my deepest sympathies to Dallas' owners and will continue to do so. This isolated incident is not a reflection of my business and goes against everything I have worked so hard for for 20 years. I appreciate my loyal customers and this community for having patience and not making unwarranted judgments against me or any of my businesses before this process is complete."

-Randi LaFerney

John Engel WCYB

[Yesterday at 9:29 AM](#) ·

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: Here is our investigation into citations issued to Off Leash K9 Training Tri-Cities owner Randi Laferney and her franchise in Palm Beach County, Florida. Authorities say Laferney became "evasive" and some issues were never resolved.

Florida authorities spent a year trying to shutdown Laferney's dog training locations

May 22nd 2019

<https://wcyb.com/news/local/florida-authorities-spent-a-year-trying-to-shutdown-laferneys-dog-training-locations>

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. --- Randi Laferney, the owner of Off Leash K9 Training Tri-Cities, repeatedly ignored orders and citations from Florida authorities, when her dog training and boarding franchise was operating without legal commercial permits.

Laferney is currently facing a charge of aggravated cruelty to animals in Washington County, Tennessee along with one of the franchise's trainers, Andrew Hunigan.

Palm Beach County, Florida Animal Control first interacted with Laferney and Off Leash K9 Training in Sept. 2017. A customer complained about not getting updates about his dog. A deputy with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office wrote in a report that the dog, named Oxana, "smelled horrible, covered in urine and feces and was extremely shaking and hiding."

Off Leash was found guilty of not having a commercial permit to operate the boarding facility in a residential home. Palm Beach County Animal Control ordered Laferney to cease and desist all operations until proper permits were obtained. No criminal charges were filed.

"That was the allegation in the beginning that brought us there," David Walesky, director of Palm Beach Animal Control, told WCYB in a phone interview. "That became something that became more difficult to prove and we focused more on the permits that they wouldn't even be allowed to do this type of thing anyway."

In later incidents, Laferney refused to allow animal control officers to inspect her properties and the company was cited multiple times. Many of the citations were dismissed or adjudicated not guilty because, according to Walesky, the wrong party was being cited.

In Dec. 2017, animal control ordered Laferney to shut down all operations and return all dogs to their owners. In Feb. 2018, a third property was cited for not having the proper commercial permit. An officer wrote in a report that "Ms. Laferney is well aware of the Palm Beach County ordinance." Off Leash K9 Training was found guilty for this citation. The fine of \$158 was never paid.

"If I recall correctly, I believe she became evasive," Walesky said. "She had an attorney hired and our attorney and their attorney were going back and forth on some issues. I don't think we ever resolved those issues and then she just left Palm Beach County."

In April 2019, Laferney and Off Leash K9 Training settled with a family for \$6,750 after a year and a half old dog, named Baloo, died after suddenly becoming lethargic and unresponsive in the care of one of Laferney's trainers. The family says the dog lost 30 pounds since being taken to Off Leash.

John Engel WCYB

[23 hrs](#) ·

NEW: I've been shown multiple "cease and desist" letters that have been sent from a Nashville law firm to people who have spoken out about Randi Laferney and Off Leash K9 Training (not sent to me).

"The purpose of this letter is to formally request that you immediately cease and desist from (i) making false or misleading posts about Ms. Laferney or her businesses, (ii) interfering with Ms. Laferney's business relationships."

"We have advised Ms. Laferney of all of legal and equitable remedies against you for your repeated false and misleading statements, including her right to seek injunctive relief and damages under both law and equity." (To clear up any confusion, I have not been sent a letter. People have shown me letters that have been sent to them.)

Kim Livesay - C&D

May 23, 2019

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=898958617117457&set=a.100173200329340&type=3&theater>

I debated about whether or not to post this. Since I have been open about everything I have posted, I figured I might as well let you all take this ride with me.

Today I received the following letter from Randi's attorney asking me to remove my posts. Come to find out, many others have also received the same letter.

I have reviewed my posts numerous times and feel I have done nothing wrong, so I have reached out to this attorney to request that her client provide me with specifics of my dastardly deeds. If I receive a response, I will be sure to share it with you.

I have redacted the contact information on the attorney's letterhead. I do NOT approve or condone anyone contacting the attorney's office over this letter.

[REDACTED] 571

May 21, 2019

VIA CERTIFIED AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Kim Livesay
[REDACTED]

Re: Cease and Desist

Dear Ms. Livesay:

[REDACTED] ("H") represents Randi LaFerney who owns the license location of Off Leash K9 Training facility in the Tri-Cities area. As you aware, Ms. LaFerney has recently experienced a very difficult time as she was informed by her trainer that a dog died in his care. Despite not ever seeing the dog since his puppy consultation in December and never hearing from her trainer that anything was wrong with the dog, Ms. LaFerney has been criminally charged, has faced tremendous backlash on social media, and even death threats.

I understand that you have made numerous social media posts regarding Ms. LaFerney, many of which have contained misleading or patently false information. Further, I understand that you have not only posted regarding her K9 business, but also other businesses such as Duck Donuts in Knoxville and non-profits she is affiliated with. These defamatory posts which clearly interfere with Ms. LaFerney's businesses must stop immediately.

The purpose of this letter is to formally request that you immediately cease and desist from (i) making false or misleading posts about Ms. LaFerney or her businesses, (ii) interfering with Ms. Laferney's business relationships. In addition, we would ask that you take down the false and misleading posts you have already made. We have advised Ms. Laferney of all of legal and equitable remedies against you for your repeated false and misleading statements, including her right to seek injunctive relief and damages under both law and equity.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to
[REDACTED]

[Off Leash K9 owner's other business, 'Duck Donuts' in Knoxville, under fire](#)

[Tactics of Off Leash K9 Training called into question in other states](#)

Necropsy: Dog at Off Leash K9 Training died from starvation, had '0% fat content'

May 13, 2019

<https://www.wjhl.com/local/necropsy-dog-at-off-leash-k9-training-died-from-starvation-had-0-fat-content-/1999695782>

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (WJHL)- Officials with the Washington County, Tennessee Animal Shelter have revealed details that were included in a necropsy report that indicates how a dog died in the care of Off Leash K9 Training facility in Johnson City.

According to officials at the shelter, the report said the dog, an 8-month-old miniature bull terrier named Dallas, had 0% fat content and there was no presence of food in the GI tract.

The report said that nothing had moved through the dog in 12-24 hours but that there was a small amount of food in its stomach.

There were also no signs of edema or strangulation, according to the report.

News Channel 11 also heard from the attorney representing the dog, who stated that Dallas died by way of starvation, citing the UT Vet School necropsy report.

The owner of Off Leash K9 Training in Johnson City, Randi LaFerney, was booked into jail Monday.

LaFerney's bond was set at \$10,000 and is scheduled to appear in court Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

She was officially booked on a charge of aggravated cruelty to animals.

Gunner

Knoxville woman shares similar allegations about Off Leash K9 Training Johnson City location

May 09, 2019

<https://www.wjhl.com/local/in-your-corner/knoxville-woman-shares-similar-allegations-about-off-leash-k9-training-johnson-city-location/1992783312>

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (WJHL)- One day after News Channel 11 revealed [a dog died in the care of Off Leash K9 Training in Johnson City](#), another woman is speaking out about their "extreme training methods."

Amanda Asbury is the president and founder of East Tennessee Boxer & Bulldog Rescue in Knoxville, Tennessee, which she described as a nonprofit rehabilitation organization.

In the Fall of 2015, Asbury said she paid Off Leash Owner Randi LaFerney \$1,400 to board her 3-year-old boxer 'Gunner' for what was intended to be two weeks.

But Asbury said two weeks turned to six.

"I wasn't being given justifiable reasons as to why it was taking so long," said Asbury.

Finally, she said she put her foot down, demanding to pick up the dog and withholding an additional payment of \$700 from LaFerney.

"I cannot ethically, knowingly, with my heart give money to someone who I know abused an animal," said Asbury.

Asbury said, when she picked up Gunner, he had lost 25 pounds, about a third of his body weight.

She said he was healthy when he arrived at Off Leash K9 Training.

"It didn't even look like the same dog. I mean I could see his hip bones, his ribs," said Asbury.

Asbury said she didn't realize the facility's training methods were so extreme. She claimed they withhold food for long periods and use shock collars with high intensity to get dogs to respond to training.

For example, when she went to pick up Gunner, Asbury said he wasn't responding to the trainer's commands.

That's when she said she witnessed them use the collar with her own eyes.

"At one point, they had shocked him so much that the capillaries in his eyes actually ruptured and started bleeding and at that point, I was done," said Asbury.

When she brought the dog home, she said problems persisted.

"His spirit was gone. I mean, he just wasn't the same dog," said Asbury. "Every time he'd eat, he'd throw up."

Years later, Asbury is encouraging dog owners to ask more questions and be more skeptical of supposed professional dog trainers.

She said there are no licensing or permitting requirements in Tennessee for dog training facilities.

Francis Lloyd, Asbury's attorney, confirmed Thursday that she did try to sue LaFerney for damages following the incident. Lloyd said he advised her not to go through with it since the money she stood to gain would've likely been less than the expense of the lawsuit.

LaFerney declined News Channel 11's request for an interview Thursday because she's in the process of getting an attorney.

In a statement Wednesday, LaFerney said she is fully cooperating with the ongoing investigation into aggravated animal cruelty at her facility.

Blue

That shock collar had embedded in his neck

May 17, 2019

<https://www.wjhl.com/local/-that-shock-collar-had-embedded-in-his-neck-vet-describes-dog-boarded-by-off-leash-k9-training/2009407011>

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (WJHL) - A Johnson City veterinarian said she treated a dog that was suffering injuries from a shock collar while he was boarded at Off Leash K9 Training facility.

Dr. Dana Still, who practices at Veterinary Medical Center, said it was the summer of 2016 when Blue's owner brought him in with concerns about his eyes. Blue, a Great Dane, was about 11 months old at the time and had been boarded at the facility for about three weeks.

Still said Blue's eyes were bright red and irritated and that he was suffering from conjunctivitis. She discovered more details when she removed his collar.

"The trainer came and picked Blue up from our clinic for another week," Still said. "The owner was also there and he had known of the dog's previous condition. I made it a point to speak with the trainer in the lobby."

Still provided News Channel 11 with more detail of the results from Blue's time with the trainer.

"His neck was so edematous and swollen above (his collar) that I took his normal collar off and you could tell where that shock collar had embedded in his neck, left little prong marks," Still said. I told the owner, 'This is from the shock collar,' it was so tight around his neck and, I guess, left there for the entire duration, that it caused damage to his skin and eyes."

She said Blue also suffered from anxiety after the incident, to the point that he was suffering from severe diarrhea each time he went to the vet.

"I told her (the trainer) there was no excuse for him to have been in that condition and that he was not the same happy dog he had been in the past," Still said. "The trainer had absolutely no response and took Blue out the door."

Still added that Blue had been coming to her office ever since he was a puppy and was always friendly with the staff.

"He was a different dog, it's taken him a while to get back to being relaxed and being his old self, which is sad because everybody noticed the huge difference," she said.

Nearly three years after Blue left the facility, another dog, an 8-month-old miniature bull terrier named Dallas, [died from starvation at the facility.](#)

The death of the dog [led to the arrest of Randi LaFerney](#), the owner of the facility, and a trainer, Andrew Hunigan. The pair are facing animal cruelty charges.

LaFerney issued a statement earlier today on the accusations of animal abuse, saying, "The first time I laid eyes on Dallas other than his puppy consult in December was on May 2nd after I received a heartbreaking call that he had died."

[Read the full statement HERE.](#)

Shock collars are sometimes used in training to get a dog's attention, but Still said they should be used carefully. "If you're going to use a shock collar, put it on yourself and see what level you're setting it at," she said. "If you're going to put it on a 10 and put it around a dog's neck, see how hard you're shocking them."

OFF LEASH K9 TRAINING PROVIDENCE & Amelia Ferreira

Knox, English Bulldog - Dead

Former Patriots Player's Missing Dog Found Dead; Trainer Arrested

Aug 6, 2018

<https://www.nbcboston.com/news/local/Former-Patriots-Player-Jerod-Mayos-Missing-Dog-Found-Dead-490164731.html>

A former New England Patriots player's beloved dog has been found dead.

Knox, a 5-year-old English bulldog owned by former Pats linebacker Jerod Mayo, was found Sunday in the home of the dog's former trainer, [according to the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals](#).

"Obviously, our family is devastated. We kind of expected the worst, but hoped for the best," Mayo said Monday.

"The kids — devastated. My wife, all of us, we are devastated. It's tough."

Last month, [Mayo told WJAR](#) he had hired a trainer through Off Leash K9 Training in Providence. The trainer picked up Knox on May 24. When Knox was due to be returned several weeks later, the trainer told Mayo she had lost the dog while out walking with another dog in Wrentham, Massachusetts.

[Police searched the Joe's Rock conservation area off 1500 West St., but were unable to locate Knox](#). They did, however, find his electronic collar out in the open on the trail.

The collar was in pristine condition and there was nothing to suggest that it had been removed forcibly. There was also no blood or fur near the collar and no sounds were heard that would indicate that Knox had become prey to another animal.

According to Cranston police, the trainer, Amelia Ferreira, later changed her story, saying Knox was last seen in his crate at her Cranston home and then disappeared.

The Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals began an investigation and seized five Maltese dogs from Ferreira's home. The dogs were living in the basement, matted and dirty, according to the agency.

"When it is all said and done, we look at Knox as a hero," Mayo said. "He saved some other dogs, that is the glass-half-full way of looking at it."

The RSPCA said Knox died while in Ferreira's custody, and she is being charged by the Cranston Police Department with one count of obstruction for concealing evidence relevant to the investigation.

Evidence showed that Ferreira had known the whereabouts of Knox's body for several weeks and intentionally concealed it from authorities.

The police report said Ferreira told police she left her home on July 22 around 1:30 p.m. to go to a training session with another dog, leaving Knox in a wire crate with the air conditioning on. When she returned home between 5:30 and 6:30 that night, she found him dead.

The next day, she told police she put the dog's body in a bag which she placed behind her shed in a long box. She later brought the bag inside and said she planned to place the blame on her estranged husband. But she changed her mind and decided to tell the truth.

In an Instagram post Monday, Mayo said, "Unfortunately, the answers we prayed for regarding Knox aren't ones we were ready to face." He said Knox's body had been kept in a trash bag for the last two months.

"We raised Knox like our child as you guys can see from our photos and those of you who know us," Mayo said.

"It hurts to have to accept that our beloved Knox was thought of as trash as they saw our family hurting."

On behalf of his entire family, he went on to thank everyone who helped search for Knox after he went missing.

"We still have work to do.....we need to bring awareness to this problem so it never happens again," he said.

"This is just getting started."

The dog's cause of death is not yet known, and the RSPCA said additional charges relating to animal cruelty may be forthcoming.

Trainer Charged in Death of Former New England Patriots Player Jerod Mayo's Dog Speaks Out

Aug 15, 2018

<https://www.nbcboston.com/news/local/Trainer-Charged-in-Death-of-Former-New-England-Patriots-Player-Jerod-Mayos-Dog-Speaks-Out-490924171.html>

The trainer facing charges in the death of a dog that belonged to former New England Patriots linebacker Jerod Mayo says she didn't cause the death and she cried "for what seemed like hours" when she found the pet dead. Amelia Ferreira, 41, of Cranston, Rhode Island, [told the Sun Chronicle](#) in an email Tuesday that she was a "coward for not being honest" and "allowed fear to cloud my judgment and made decisions that hurt other people." The 5-year-old English bulldog, called Knox, had been missing since June and was found dead in a trash bag inside Ferreira's home on Aug. 5.

"I don't know why Knox died and it eats at me every day that his family is still left not knowing what caused his death," Ferreira said in her email. "I didn't make the right decisions but what I am 100 percent sure of is that I absolutely did not hurt Knox nor did I do anything to him that caused his death."

She said she found Knox dead in his crate when she went to feed him. She said she sat on the floor holding the dog in her lap for hours. "I was scared to death and had no clue what to do."

The results of a necropsy were inconclusive but revealed no signs of trauma. Ferreira is charged in Rhode Island and Massachusetts with obstruction.

Last month, [Mayo told WJAR](#) he hired Ferreira through Off Leash K9 Training in Providence. Ferreira picked up Knox on May 24. When Knox was due to be returned several weeks later, the trainer told Mayo she had lost the dog while out walking with another dog in Wrentham, Massachusetts.

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According to police, Ferreira later changed her story, saying Knox was last seen in his crate at her Cranston home and then disappeared.

The Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals began an investigation and seized five Maltese dogs from Ferreira's home. The dogs were living in the basement, matted and dirty, according to the agency.

"When it is all said and done, we look at Knox as a hero," Mayo said. "He saved some other dogs, that is the glass-half-full way of looking at it."

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Unfortunately, the answers we prayed for regarding Knox aren't ones we were ready to face. Knowing what we know now about @offleashk9trainingprov @offleashk9training we mentally explored every outcome possible and the reality is we were right. Knox has passed and his BODY WAS FOUND IN THE HOME OF THE OFFLEASH TRAINER. IT's disgusting and inhumane that a company full of "dog lovers" would hide a family pet IN A CLOSET FOR TWO MONTHS and compulsively lie and send us on a wild goose hunt and our kids on an emotional rollercoaster. Staging him running away, him being stolen, even him drowning having us knocking on doors sending us false leads as we searched two states. We've hired scuba teams, private investigators, lawyers and more when they knew they HAD HIM IN THEIR HOME IN A TRASH BAG tucked away the whole two months. Yeah A TRASH BAG! We raised Knox like our child as you guys can see from our photos and those of you who know us. It hurts to have to accept that our beloved Knox was thought of as trash as they saw our family hurting. Currently all that these people are facing is obstruction. Not animal cruelty 🐶 or filing false police reports or for plain ole tossing someone's family member in a trash bag and storing it!

From the Mayo family, we want to thank all of the people who spent countless hours looking for Knox. To our social media family, thank you for posting every day. We still have work to do.....we need to bring awareness to this problem so it never happens again.

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A composite image for a Facebook profile. The top portion shows a close-up of two hands, one wearing a purple wristband with the name 'Suzanne' and a yellow wristband with 'Wings' written on it. The bottom portion is a circular inset showing a woman smiling and hugging a small brown dog against a background of warm, bokeh lights.

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[Melissa Bartoli](#) Randi LaFerney needs to be shut down. My dog was at her Florida Facility when Aco called me to pick up my dog in 2017.

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