

I feel the need to address Adam Moran's libelous allegations and charges because I know a lot of you will no doubt believe his words and think there is some horrible situation out here with animals being "neglected and mistreated."

Adam seems to be focusing on me and apparently thinks I'm some kind of animal hoarder who can't say no, surrounded by sycophants and oblivious to the misery around me.

It's not true. I am an educated person, I like to think I'm intelligent and reasonable. I like animals and I like people.

As a matter of fact, there are 24 volunteers staying on site this week and next week from Vanderbilt University and Indiana State University. This is the 4th year in a row for their visit. There will be another group of 12 staying and volunteering from the university of Texas at Dallas, and then another after that from Howard Community College in April. Lots of groups, organizations and people come here to visit, volunteer, and stay. Arguably, these are outsiders- who are privy to the goings on and daily operations of this place; we take care of the dogs (and other animals) here. There is nothing to hide.

I have had to deal with self-centered, misguided, publicity seeking people such as Adam before. I should tell you that Adam never once, told me any of his concerns. If I were abusing and neglecting Bishop/Tyler wouldn't that make Adam culpable in his mistreatment?

I'm not going to address every ridiculous charge from Adam. I will say that Bishop/Tyler was not abused, he was fed, and he ran around constantly. Adam was not here as many times as stated and that he did climb the fence when he found the gate locked on President's Day.

Adam neglected to tell you that he was told to leave last week when he showed up here uninvited. He is not welcome here- that's no secret. I have to assume that some of Adam's rants are sour grapes. He did threaten to "escalate things" stating he had a blog just waiting to be written... I'm paraphrasing here.

Two Animal Control officers from Guadalupe County visited on Thursday February 25th and I told them about Adam's allegations and made sure they both saw Libby, Elias, and Jane, the dogs Elizabeth brought here. Adam at that time was alleging that Jane had a serious injury on her face. Both animal control officers walked the grounds and examined animals. No problems were observed.

And as far as Elizabeth and the three dogs she picked up last weekend are concerned she told me they were doing fine and thanked me.

I did not dip Libby, one of the dogs before she left b/c the water was very cold. Elizabeth assured me that wasn't necessary and told me she thought the place was great.

Either your South Texas Dogs Deserve Better is a liar, or she didn't think the dogs were abused, neglected, tortured...

Yes, battling ticks here has been a nightmare. We paid Orkin Pest Control \$6,000 last September to spray the grounds and treat the place for the parasites. At that time we dipped all of the dogs and thought the problem had been solved. Then they started hatching about a month ago. Incidentally, among the other tasks being performed by the college students over the next few days, is dipping the dogs and treating the grounds. I decided to save about \$5,500 and do the work ourselves this time after watching the Orkin professionals. It certainly isn't rocket science, and by the way, it's safe for the animals...

Furthermore, two of our supporters who have been here numerous times, are buying Preventic collars for all of the dogs. They should be here next week. Any of you are welcome to purchase Promeris for the dogs here. We'd appreciate it. Frontline and Advantix do not work very well.

One of the reasons I have time to get all the animals treated for heartworms and care for each day is because I work a lot, and so do the people on the inside who help me run this place.

I'm going to an attorney tomorrow about Adam's defamatory statements and will have to pull Dogs Deserve Better into the mess.

I think we all deserve better than to get mired down attacking each other. When I started this place 14 years ago on the 10th of this month, I was naive and thought all animal rescuers helped each other and were motivated by altruism and love of animals. I am continually reminded that that isn't always the case.

The place is not perfect- guilty as charged- but before you believe everything one misguided individual who obviously has a lot of spare time on his hands has to say you might want to contact me and I'd be delighted to show you the happy, well cared for animals here.

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