ORDER TO PROVIDE CARE

To:
Florence Feth Thuot (owner/operator)
DBA: Journey’s End Animal Sanctuary Inc.
1899 Mercers Fernery Rd.
DeLand, FL 32720

From:
Adam Leath
Director
Volusia County Animal Services
1250 Indian Lake Rd.
Daytona Beach, FL 32124

On July 5, 2019 violations of Volusia County Ordinance Chapter 14 and Florida Statutes 828 were observed on the premises of 1899 Mercers Fernery Rd. Specifically, the following observations regarding the care and treatment of animals were made:

- Untreated/improperly managed medical conditions. Several of the animals have serious health conditions that are not being managed fully.
- Lack of appropriate vaccinations and county licensure for dogs and cats
- Lack of appropriate, state mandated, Coggins Testing for horses
- Incomplete/absent medical records.
- Current cleaning and sanitation practices are not effective in maintaining a clean and healthful environment for the animals.
- Current daily monitoring practices and routine veterinary inspections are delinquent.
- The housing conditions for the dogs and cats at Journey’s End were inadequate for the animals.
- The group size of the dogs and cats were too large and did not allow for proper monitoring of the animals.
• Storage and labeling of medications were deficient. Some temperature-dependent medications being stored inappropriately. Expired medications and medications without labels were also seen throughout.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 828.073, you are hereby ordered to provide care for animals found neglected or cruelly treated at the premises of Journey’s End Animal Sanctuary Inc.

The following animals must be examined and treated by a licensed veterinarian within 48 hours or end of day on July 27, 2019:

• Lionel, a male gray/black and white Shih Tzu type dog – observed with a neck injury
• Troubles, a male tan terrier type dog– listless, deaf, blind, walks in circles
• Daisy, a female brown and white pit bull type dog- chronic sore on her caudal end
• Dublin, a male beagle type dog- eyes in need of treatment
• Caroline, a female brown tabby cat- knuckled down on the right front limb
• Prince, a male black cat- down in the rear legs with obvious loss of muscle mass and a damp coat (suspected urine)
• Iris, a female brown tabby cat- heat stress and difficulty walking
• Bunny Boy, a male black domestic medium hair cat- a thin body condition score and a reported heart condition;
• Porkahontas, a female Hampshire cross pig- was knuckled under on left front fore limb
• Bunny/Clementine, a female draft cross horse- did not have her Cushing’s Disease well controlled.

Within 7 days or end of day on August 1st, 2019, the following must be completed:

• Any patient requiring specific treatment or monitoring must be housed individually to ensure all proper care is done.
• Intake of animals must cease immediately.
• All dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies and must receive a county license
• The number of animals on the property must be dramatically reduced to improve welfare of all animals. According to Volusia County Ordinance 72-306 lots of greater than one acres but less than five acres in size are not permitted to own more than eight animals. Lots of five acres or greater in size are not permitted to own more than 12 animals.
• All home remedies of medical conditions, including laser administration, must be discontinued. These are not adequate to treat diagnosed medical conditions observed on premises.

I acknowledge I have been hand delivered a copy of the aforementioned order on this 26th day of July, 2019.

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Florence Feth Thuot (owner/operator)  Adam Leath
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