

## **Budzinski, Caitlin**

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**From:** Budzinski, Caitlin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 12:39 PM  
**To:** Budzinski, Caitlin  
**Subject:** Memos

### **2/12/18**

I was back in ward 3 and noticed the red nose male and black nose female both appeared skinny upon passing. I reported this verbally to Sami/kennel staff who indicated they were aware of this.

### **2/26/18**

I completed a vet check form for kennel #32 (red nose male) and kennel #42 (black nose female) for being skinny. I created my own vet check form because there were none available. While submitting my form, I ran into Dr. K and also verbally brought this to her attention. Dr. K claimed the dogs have been skinny and there hasn't been anything they could do to get them to gain weight. I asked if we could try a protein or fat supplement to try to help them gain weight. Dr. K said they have tried things and nothing has worked. I advised her that I had submitted vet checks on them both for them to be examined.

### **3-26-18**

ACO 355 & 356 brought the long-term condition of A#34960 and 34959 to the attention of Anne Burns. Anne Burns contacted Southside Animal Hospital for evaluations on both dogs. ACO 356 transported dogs to Southside A.H.

Hailey came into ACO office to greet and pet A#34960. ACO 356 had brief conversation with Hailey in which Hailey said "between you and Scully we have half a dog". I asked who Scully was and she said it was his skinny sister. I asked why they were EN food. Hailey said the dogs have all been very stressed for a long time and had significant diarrhea and the EN is helping control the diarrhea which she indicated was from stress. I asked if the dogs were due for another whipworm treatment soon. Hailey said they were but she wasn't sure when.

### **3-27-18**

ACO 356 spoke with Dr. Heideman. Dr. Heideman stated the dogs suffered from long-term starvation and had not been fed in a while. Dr. Heideman stated the dogs had only plant material in their stool. Dr. H said the dogs had developed pica due to lack of food and she had found paint chips and plastic in the teeth of one of the dogs. Dr. H said the dogs both suffered muscle loss and the male had no fat covering. Dr. H said the male was 1/9 and the female was 2/9. Dr. H said even had the dogs had whipworm, that would not have caused this emaciation. Dr. H said the stool was clear of whipworm at this time. Dr. H said the whipworm would have only caused bloody stool. Dr. H said the female's nails appeared cut beyond the quick "like a hatchet to them" and the left rear hock was swollen and painful. Dr. H said both dogs need antibiotics and the female needs pain medication. Dr. H recommended feeding w/d food 5-6x per day for 3-4 days to avoid metabolic overload and begin gradually switching to normal food. Dr. H said bloodwork did not indicate any other underlying medical cause for emaciation. Dr. H said the dogs were just not fed.

ACO 356 had a brief conversation with Angie when walking A#34959 back to ward 3. ACO asked how often the dogs were being fed as they had only been fed once daily when they were kept at the annex. Angie stated the dogs are still fed once daily whenever they get to the ward 3 cleaning. Angie indicated that the normal feeding amount was in their bowls waiting for them. ACO viewed the set up food bowls in kennels 32 and 42. ACO noted the bowls were almost entirely full with EN dog food. ACO measured food and found the bowls to both contain 4 cups of food.

I updated Anne with case reports.

**Ofc. Caitlin Budzinski #356**

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**From:** Budzinski, Caitlin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 4:14 PM  
**To:** Budzinski, Caitlin  
**Subject:** memo

**3-27-18**

I reported Southside findings to Anne. I told Anne that Southside recommended 5-6 small meals of w/d per day for both A#34959 and 34960 for 3-4 days and then gradually increasing to normal. I expressed concerns that the dogs would not get 5-6 small meals per day at the shelter due to staffing as the shelter already struggles with medications TID and does not generally do TID medications. I informed Anne that Southside also recommended antibiotics and pain medications for the female dog 34959.

Upon putting the two dogs back in ward 3, I checked on BEBE (a dog I seized from Mary Darling October 2017; I am criminally charging Mary Darling for neglect of care/emaciated dogs/unsanitary conditions). Upon taking BEBE out of her kennel I found her to be extremely thin. I could feel all of her ribs, spine, hip bones, as well as indentations in the top of her head. Physically, she felt similar to how she felt upon seizing her from Mary Darling. I took BEBE to be weighed. I weighed her at 30-31pounds. I brought BEBE to Anne and asked Anne to physically touch BEBE to assess her weight. Anne agreed that BEBE is very underweight as well. I asked Anne if she would like me to photograph BEBE's physical condition today. Anne said she would inform Dinon of BEBE's condition as well and it may be something I can do tomorrow due to time constraints today. I informed Anne that Southside had done a second assessment of body condition on BEBE last October.

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## **Budzinski, Caitlin**

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**From:** Budzinski, Caitlin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 4:13 PM  
**To:** Burns, Anne; Dinon, John  
**Subject:** Southside Vet Exam Summary  
**Attachments:** Vet Exam 3-27-18 A#34960 male red nose.pdf; Vet Exam A#34959 3-27-18 female black nose.pdf; IMG\_5462.JPG

Here is a summary of what Dr. Heideman told me yesterday:

On 03/27/18, Southside Animal Hospital veterinarian, Dr. Heideman, completed a cruelty/neglect examination on A#34959 and A#34960. I briefly spoke with Dr. Heideman when picking up the dogs and asked her to summarize her findings. Dr. Heideman stated that both dogs suffered from long-term starvation and had not been fed for a while. Dr. Heideman stated that both dogs' stool had plant material and bark in it and not much else. Dr. Heideman stated that she found non-food items including paint chips and plastic pieces in the teeth of A#34960 indicating that he had developed pica. Dr. Heideman stated that this was likely due to being starved, the dog was just eating whatever he could. Dr. Heideman stated that the dogs also had muscle loss.

Dr. Heideman stated that she uses the Purina 9-point body condition scale as that is the preferred scoring used for forensic evaluations for court. Dr. Heideman stated that A#34960 was a 1 out of 9 with no fat covering and A#34959 was a 2 out of 9.

I advised Dr. Heideman that the dogs had tested positive for whipworm and been treated for whipworm on 03/10/18. I asked Dr. Heideman if severe whipworm or long-term whipworm could have caused the emaciation. Dr. Heideman stated that whipworm would not have caused this. Dr. Heideman stated whipworm may have caused some bloody stool, but not this level of emaciation. Dr. Heideman further stated that the fecal samples were negative for whipworm at this time and if the dogs had whipworm previously, it appears to have been resolved.

I asked Dr. Heideman if the dogs' bloodwork had indicated if there were any underlying medical problems that could have contributed to their poor body condition. Dr. Heideman stated that there did not appear to be any underlying medical problems with the dogs. Dr. Heideman stated she is comfortable testifying in court that these dogs were purely starved into their current condition. Dr. Heideman stated that these dogs were "just not fed" and there appeared to be no other underlying medical cause for their current condition.

Dr. Heideman also stated that A#34959 had very short nails which appeared to have been cut way beyond the quick. Dr. Heideman stated that it appeared "like a hatchet had been taken to them." Dr. Heideman stated that A#34959 also had a painful, swollen left rear hock and was not putting much weight on this foot. Dr. Heideman stated that both dogs need to be on antibiotics and A#34959 needs pain medication.

Dr. Heideman stated that both dogs should be fed small meals of a high fiber food 5-6 times per day for 3-4 days and then gradually be fed normally. Dr. Heideman recommended Science Diet w/d which is a high fiber food.

Ofc. Caitlin Budzinski #356

# SOUTHSIDE ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Joyce A. Heideman, D.V.M.

ICAC case # 34960

History signalment:

Presented from Animal Control 3-26. Female, tan, black nosed pitbull type breed approximately 1 year old.

Physical findings:

BCS: 2/9 (1/5), emaciated with little appreciable fat covering and moderate muscle loss over torso and hips. Ribs and ischium are easily seen and palpated.

Penetrating puncture type wound on right nostril appears fairly fresh. Other older wounds are seen on the left side of the face and muzzle in various stages of healing. Old scars and wounds on legs and left hock is swollen. Dog has pododermatitis (infection between toes) on 3 of 4 paws and a almond size growth/mass between the toes on right front paw.

Nails on both back paws appear to have been recently cut back beyond quick. One of the nails on left rear has blood at the surface and that paw seems painful to dog.

Coat is dirty with fecal stains on sides, legs and perianal region.

Stool sample contains a large amount of bark and plant material.

Lab samples and PE sheet attached

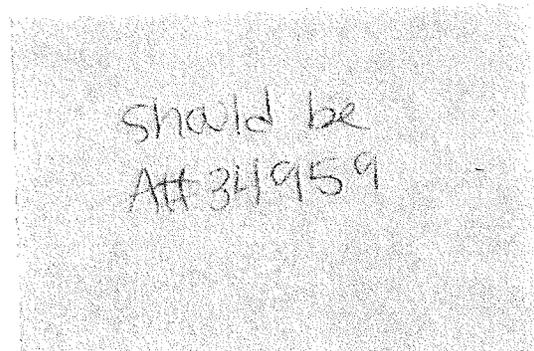
Summary and conclusion

This dog is extremely emaciated and due to muscle mass loss appears to have been this way for a while. In addition, the plant material in the stool suggests the dog has been polyphagic and looking for edible material. This dog's skin and coat suggest that she has not been cared for. Multiple wounds, pressure sores and fecal staining suggest neglect. The pododermatitis or infection on the paws, suggest this pet is kept in unsanitary conditions. This may also account for the mass between the toes. This dog does show that she is in pain on her left rear leg. This may either be secondary to the nails being trimmed too short or an injury to her hock that has left it swollen. In summary, this pet has been neglected and shows both emaciation and lack of normal care. She also has injuries that are of questionable origin and have not been treated.

Pictures of this case are attached



Joyce A Heideman DVM



Ingham County Animal Control  
Animal Cruelty Investigation Examination Form

Case#: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal ID#: 34960 Animal Control Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Information

Species: dog Breed: pit bull (black nose)  
 Color: tan Sex: F  
 Age: ~1y Microchip #: \_\_\_\_\_

Examination Findings

Temperature: 103.2 Pulse: 90  
 Respiration rate: 35 Capillary Refill Time: pink - 2 sec  
 Weight: 34

Body Condition Score: 1. Emaciated 2. Underweight 3. Normal 4. Overweight 5. Obese

Heart <u>normal</u>	abnormal	Ears <u>normal</u>	abnormal
Lungs <u>normal</u>	abnormal	Abdomen <u>normal</u>	abnormal
Mouth <u>normal</u>	abnormal	Musc/Skel <u>normal</u>	<u>abnormal</u>
Nose <u>normal</u>	<u>abnormal</u>	Urogen <u>normal</u>	abnormal
Eyes <u>normal</u>	abnormal	L. nodes <u>normal</u>	abnormal
Neuro <u>normal</u>	abnormal	Hydration <u>normal</u>	<u>abnormal</u>
Pain <u>yes</u>	no	Feet <u>normal</u>	<u>abnormal</u>
Coat <u>normal</u>	<u>abnormal</u>	Skin <u>normal</u>	<u>abnormal</u>

Physical Care Score

1. Adequate – Clean, hair can be easily brushed or combed. Nails okay.
2. Lapsed – Hair coat may be somewhat dirty or have a few mats that are easily removed. Remainder of coat can be easily brushed or combed. Nails need a trim.
3. Borderline – Numerous mats, but animal can still be groomed without a total clip down. No significant fecal or urine soiling. Nails overgrown and may alter gait.
- 4 4. Poor – Substantial matting. Large sections matted together. Foreign material embedded in mats. Much of hair needs to be clipped. Fecal and urine soiling on hind end and legs. Long nails interfere with normal gait.
5. Terrible – Hair coat a single mat that prevents normal movement and/or interferes with vision. A complete clip down is required. Fecal and urine soiling on hind end and legs. Nails extremely overgrown into circles and may be penetrating pads. Nails interfere with normal gait.

Diagnostic Findings

Packed Cell Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Protein: \_\_\_\_\_

Fecal: \_\_\_\_\_ Heartworm: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: Exam + Fleas + mites + stool in stool

Veterinarian Signature: Joyce Heideman Date: 3.26 Veterinarian name (print): Joyce Heideman

Ingham County Animal Control  
Animal Cruelty Investigation Examination Form  
Abnormal Findings and Conclusion

Case#: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Control Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Abnormal Findings

penetrating puncture wound open/bleeding @ nostril  
older healed wounds 2 scabs @ muzzle, under eye,  
@ side of head  
Coat is dirty with feces on legs, sides perianal  
region  
mats between toes @ front ~ almond size  
+ infection between all toes @ front  
@ lateral foot swollen  
↓ muscle mass over torso + hips  
Toe nails on front feet are broken  
back beyond quiet bleeding on @ rear +  
painful on @ rear paw  
~ 6% dehydrated

Conclusion

In my professional opinion, this animal is a victim of cruelty or neglect whereby unnecessary or unjustifiable pain or suffering was caused to it (MCL Section 750.50)       YES       NO

Examining Veterinarian (print): Jayce Heiderman

License Number: 6901006352

Clinic Name: Southside Animal Hosp.

Phone: 517-882-6614

Veterinarian Signature: Jayce Heiderman

Date: 3-26

# SOUTHSIDE ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Joyce A. Heideman, D.V.M.

ICAC case # 34961

History signalment:

Presented from Animal control 3-26. Male, tan, Red nosed, pitbull type breed approximately 1 year old.

Physical findings:

BCS: 1/9 (1/5), severely emaciated with no appreciable fat covering and moderate muscle loss over torso and hips. Ribs and ischium are easily seen and palpated.

Numerous wounds of different stages of healing are seen over all four legs. Some appear to be old healing punctures where as others appear to be pressure sores.

Infection between toes is seen on right rear and right front paws.

Fecal soiling on sides, rear legs and perianal region.

Foreign material that looks like paint or plastic is stuck in gums along teeth and grass and bark are seen in stool sample

Lab samples and PE sheet attached

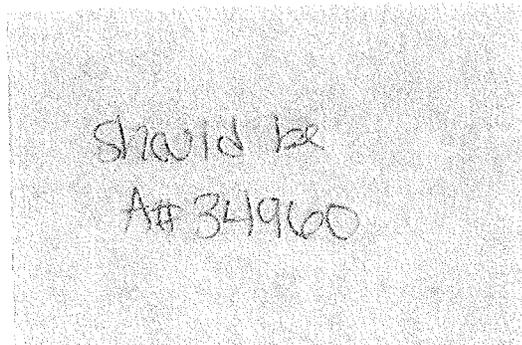
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Pictures of this case are attached



Joyce A Heideman DVM



Ingham County Animal Control  
Animal Cruelty Investigation Examination Form

Case#: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal ID#: 34961 Animal Control Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Information

Species: dog Breed: pit bull (red nose)  
Color: tan Sex: M  
Age: 14 Microchip #: \_\_\_\_\_

Examination Findings

Temperature: 102.7 Pulse: 80  
Respiration rate: 40 Capillary Refill Time: 2.5 sec  
Weight: 35.1

Body Condition Score: 1. Emaciated 2. Underweight 3. Normal 4. Overweight 5. Obese

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Diagnostic Findings

Packed Cell Volume: 44.6% Total Protein: 6.4 g/dl  
Fecal: neg Heartworm: neg  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian Signature: [Signature] Date: 3-26 Veterinarian name (print): Jaye Heideman

Ingham County Animal Control  
Animal Cruelty Investigation Examination Form  
Abnormal Findings and Conclusion

Case#: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal ID#: 34961 Animal Control Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Abnormal Findings

Mouth - Foreign material stuck in gums along teeth  
muscle atrophy evident especially over ~~toes~~ + back legs  
Severe Emaciation, make hydration estimation  
difficult but appears to be 6% dehydrated  
Skin - numerous wounds - (1) front carpus, (1) metacarpal  
(1) hock most appear to be old healing, possible  
or pressure sores  
infection between toes (pododermatitis) R. Front +  
(1) rear  
Coat is dirty 2 stool on side + stuck to  
perineum

Conclusion

In my professional opinion, this animal is a victim of cruelty or neglect whereby unnecessary or unjustifiable pain or suffering was caused to it (MCL Section 750.50)  YES  NO

Examining Veterinarian (print): Jayne Heideman License Number: 6901006352

Clinic Name: Soldado Animal Hospital Phone: 517-882-6614

Veterinarian Signature: Jayne Heideman Date: 3-26