

September 13, 2021

To: SBC Animal Services

Attn: Aubree Gonzales

RE: Activity # 21-076445

Witness:

Animal Owner Bob Sweeney

Business Owner of SYV Horseback Rides

1400 W. Hwy. 246

Buellton, CA 93427

Dear SBC Animal Services Staff:

I'm the owner of **Santa Ynez Valley Horseback Rides LLC**, which opened in December 2020. I am also owner of **Santa Barbara Beach Horseback Rides** based in Summerland, which gradually took shape over a few years but essentially started offering daily beach rides in 2008, and is going strong today.

I have owned and bred high-end show and breeding horses for 41 years, am a highly-regarded bloodstock agent having evaluated, sold and managed hundreds of top show and

breeding horses over those years, and sold many millions of dollars worth of horses. I am also a lameness and wellness expert, and have an accumulated knowledge base on par with many veterinarians. Plain and simple, I know horses.

I envisioned the new SYV Horseback Rides to be a bit different than other typical trail riding businesses. Because of my extensive knowledge of the central coast horse community, and the great number of breeds and famous horses that have resided here, I opted to collect a riding string of older, former champions from the various breeds known to the Santa Ynez Valley. With that unique perspective also comes the inherent challenges of accommodating the different horse breed temperaments, plus the obvious responsibility to provide the extra care, nutrition, guided exercise, farrier and veterinary support that is required to manage older horses. We essentially operate like a horse rescue, but take it a step further by offering safe, guided pony and trail walks on these retired champions. It was a broad and challenging thing to successfully take on, but we have accomplished it on a very grand scale. And smack-dab in the public eye!

Since last September, 2020 when we began assembling the herd, and training and conditioning to open Thanksgiving weekend, we have acquired – by purchase or lease – 22 horses and returned 9 horses to their previous owners due to not being suitable to join our trail ride string. The primary reason we found them unsuitable was their lack of serviceable soundness, inability to maintain weight and muscle, or

unsuitable temperament. This is to be expected of an older horse who has already had a long career either as a show horse, rodeo horse or working ranch horse. Sometimes, for them, enough is enough. Other times, older horses thrive in new environments and love the job of going on easy, slow trail walks in the woods.

Every step of the way, we engaged .

, CA to provide evaluation, care protocols, treatment and nutritional advice. I have been their customer since 1996, so know their senior vets well. Dr.

has visited us multiple times to treat multiple horses since last September, as has Dr. Dr. , Dr. and Dr.

Because we are open to the public and take hundreds of adults and children on trail and pony rides each month, we must hold ourselves to a higher standard of care than most horse facilities. It's common knowledge among horse people that the general public can be easily impacted by a horse's behavior or physical condition. For example, most folks don't realize how hard it is to keep weight on horses age 20 and over, and that most are insulin reactive, and require special feeds. So, it's more normal, than not, that geriatric horses will be on the thin side. However, in our case, a thin horse on a trail ride would, perhaps, cause alarm from a guest from the general public. It is incumbent upon us to not allow that to happen, so all our horses are fed very specialized diets to insure they have all they need, specific to them individually, to keep their weight, muscle, energy,

brightness, steadiness and soundness.

Our herd includes two former half-Arabian National Show National Winners, a famous dam of a national winning mare, a national champion National Finals Rodeo star, two long-time rodeo horses, and several former working ranch horses. Both our ponies are former working ranch horses, and both can drag a roped goat and carry a rider doing rope tricks. This group was acquired because of their star-studded past, and deservedly so, we treat them like the famous horses they are.

The allegations being waged against us are patently false on their face. We are being accused on local social media of criminal horse neglect and abuse. Neglect means that we don't take action to assure a horse is being well-cared for. Abuse we are willfully trying to put a horse in harm's way. Both accusations are irresponsible, slanderous and just simply wrong.

Our consistent vet and feeding records debunk both claims as they vividly show frequent weekly and monthly veterinary visits, current shots, up-to-date purchases of medications and supplements and multiple requests for additional input on specific horses. Regarding ongoing care, attachments reveal that since November 2020, when we officially started our LLC and opened our checking account, we've spent \$ in feed and basic supplies at \$ at and \$ at on just supplements. That doesn't include multiple other vendors, but in 10.5 months, it

averages \$ per month on feed, basic supplies and supplements for an average of 12 horses. That \$ per month, per horse. That does not include the special shoes and shock-absorbing pads all our horses wear.

Physical evidence these allegations are false was first exposed last March when Animal Services paid us its first visit. We were reviewed and exonerated in just one visit. Officer Hart visited us twice last week – per my proactive request for an evaluation in a call to Officer Cohen. She again gave us a clean bill of health, and actually commended us verbally for taking such exemplary care of our older herd. Last Wednesday, we asked Dr. to evaluate our herd and update our files on each horse. He did, again commenting that each horse was in good body condition, ~~and citing no evidence of any abuse, neglect or necessary~~ changes to our well-established routines and practices. I believe his findings were released in full to Animal Services last Friday September 10.

Next month we are relocating to a new facility on property owned by the City of Buellton and adjacent to the popular River View Park. When I spoke before the City Council June 16 to discuss our application to move, I told the council members that being in full public view and operating a horse business in front of the public eye will invite scrutiny and judgement from the public. We run a highly transparent business, take exemplary care of all our horses, and always have, so I am not afraid of us being in the limelight. I now have a steady and highly-skilled staff, and they are all following the protocols and

practices that will keep us on the right track.

We will be building a brand new facility from the ground up, specifically designed to maintain the horses, ponies and a few exotic farm animals in a safe and confined place. We are adding an irrigated pasture, two large work arenas – one specifically for the pony rides – and spacious areas for guests to visit and enjoy their time with us.

Moving forward, I know we will undoubtedly cross paths again, as someone will find something to report. Our gates are always open for your visits and reviews, even when unannounced. I deeply appreciate the knowledge and integrity that your field officers have shown, thus far. I genuinely assume we will have a solid and productive working relationship in the years to come.

Yours Truly,

Owner

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September 12, 2021

Sold to Bob Sweeney, Santa Ynez Valley Horseback Rides, one grey gelding. Sold as is, for the amount of \$ [REDACTED]

Bob Sweeney:

Bob Sweeney:
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



ACTIVITY ____-

WITNESS STATEMENT

Today's Date: 9/9/2021

WITNESS

Name _____
Address _____
City/Zip _____
Home Telephone _____
Work Telephone _____
Email: _____

ANIMAL OWNER (Check here if unknown •)

Name SYV Horseback Rides
Address 1400 West Hwy. 246
City/Zip Buellton
Home Telephone _____
Work Telephone _____
Email: _____

DESCRIPTION OF ANIMAL(S) INVOLVED IN INCIDENT

Breed Multiple Horses of multiple breeds
Color _____
Size _____
Sex _____
Age _____
Name _____

Breed _____
Color _____
Size _____
Sex _____
Age _____
Name _____

Is this your animal? •Yes •No

Is this your animal? •Yes •No

Type of incident _____

Date of incident _____ Time of incident _____ am/pm Location of incident _____

Please give an accurate and detailed description of the incident and what you witnessed. Continue on reverse side.

Former employees of SYV Horseback Rides told me accounts of seeing lame, injured horses being
drugged, and put to work for hours a day taking tourists on rocky trail rides. They told me of seeing horses
collapsing under saddle. When employees insisted on calling a vet, the Owner would order them to ignore
vet recommendations and just drug the horse daily. I requested to see these horses myself, and I was
horrified. I saw the photos of each horse upon coming to this Owner, and I saw their condition less than a
year later. One with two bowed tendons was videoed moaning in pain, unable to even move. The drugs aren't

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WITNESS STATEMENT CONTINUED

able to mask the pain, and he is still forced to haul tourists on rocky trails for hours a day. I saw his legs improperly wrapped, which would only make the tendons worse. In spite of being told to give the horse 6 months minimum layup by the attending vet, the owner chose to ignore the vet and continue drugging and sending this horse back out on trail. The moaning I heard from this horse haunts me now. In 50 years of horse ownership I've never heard this kind of moaning pain. This is Biscuit, and I think he is most at risk, and needs immediate vet intervention in order to have a chance to live. A mare named Fame has collapsed under saddle, and the vet found a fractured knee and recommended retirement. I saw a text on this topic where Bob Sweeney told his employee to keep managing the pain and keep her working. He said he always second guesses vets. He also got the mare in foal, so she is pregnant, with a fractured knee, being drugged and continuing to take tourists out on trail multiple times a day. A gray horse named Gandolf was in the peak of health, as evidenced by his arrival photos. Now he is depressed, sway back, and has no top line muscle to support heavy saddles and tourists. It takes necessary supplements for a horse to build top line muscle, and this horse proves he is not receiving the supplements that are necessary for his health. Every horse I saw shows a lack of thriving, and if a vet work up were done, I'd expect to find drugs, and probably ulcers from the daily use of pain drugs. I saw the arrival pics of these horses and they appeared to be healthy and thriving. Today they are not thriving, eyes are not bright, and living conditions are deplorable. Drugging and working lame horses is tortuous physical abuse. I clearly see mental abuse as well. I see violations of the AAEP guidelines, as well as violation of all 5 of the World Organization for Animal Health welfare domains—Nutrition, Environment, Health, Behavior, and Mental Experiences. Each horse deserves a vet work up and removal asap. Several employees and previous owners of these horses want to submit their statements of evidence. I will provide their contact info.

I, the undersigned, do hereby swear upon penalty of perjury that the above affidavit is a true and accurate statement of facts, including the date(s), time(s), and details of the alleged violation(s) and/or incidents(s). I understand that this complaint may result in court action and I, as the violation witness, may be solely responsible for any court appearances necessary to pursue this case through the judicial system.

Executed on 9/9/2021, in _____, California.
Date City

Signature: _____

Gonzales, Aubree

From: Gonzales, Aubree
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 3:51 PM
To:
Cc: Hart, Catherine
Subject: RE: Evidence will be destroyed today —Trail horse case

Hello

The investigation is still underway and we have been in contact with the Veterinarian and the horse's owner.

I kindly ask you allow us to continue our investigation. All parties have been and continue to be cooperative and communicative. If we need anything from you, we will absolutely reach out. Thank you for your help thus far.

Best,

A Gonzales
Interim Supervising Field Officer
County of Santa Barbara Animal Services
548 West Foster Road
Santa Maria, CA 93455
(805) 934 6119

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-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2021 12:06 PM
To: Gonzales, Aubree <Aubree.Gonzales@sbcphd.org>
Subject: Evidence will be destroyed today —Trail horse case

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Officer Gonzales, I'm sorry to bother you again but officer Hart is out of town and Sweeney is preparing to destroy the evidence today.

He's moving the horses after the last ride today—and I'm sure they will be destroyed—at least the 3 with vet records.

Officer Hart told us no horse, no case. That's why Sweeney won't sell Biscuit to me at any price. He's evidence of Sweeney's crime.

Someone told us to file a formal complaint at the sheriff office in Solvang. But I think it's ongoing already right?

Sweeney can be arrested based on statute 597(B) 'using horses unfit for labor.'

What should we do?

Sent from my iPhone

Gonzales, Aubree

From:
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 10:08 PM
To: Gonzales, Aubree
Subject: Re: A21-076445 Horse welfare

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Hi Officer Gonzales,

s now declining to go examine the horses for Bob. Bob also asked Dr. to go examine them, and she has declined. It seems no one of reputation wants to be associated with Sweeney.

Your office really needs to have the diagnosing vet records that has. Dr. and Dr. each diagnosed severe injuries on horses who are still being worked daily. Collapsing under saddle is becoming more common there.

These horses are truly suffering. My nonprofit, offered Bob twice what he paid for Biscuit, just to get him out of there. Bob won't agree. He could take that money and buy a sound horse, but he prefers to use Biscuit till he drops dead I guess.

Current employees are keeping us up to date on the happenings, and my heart is still breaking for Biscuit, and friends.

Can you please confirm if you have gotten the vet records for Biscuit and Fame (and exams and diagnoses).

Thank you,

On Sep 11, 2021, at 9:51 PM,

> wrote:

Thank you for the confirmation.

I hope you also got the new info we received from a current employee, They are receiving prescription drugs (with no prescription) from a non-veterinarian.

They are giving all the horses Ace daily (sedative) plus Bute (for pain) plus Equioxx (for pain), plus antibiotics. The two NSAIDs are NEVER supposed to be given together. And I wonder how tourists would feel to know they are riding not only lame and drugged horses—but sedated horses, as well.

Is there any way to get these horses drug tested? The vets who diagnosed the injuries will have no knowledge of all the illegal drugs in these horses. Another horse today appears to be foundering.

My heart is breaking for Biscuit.

<Biscuit now.jpeg><Biscuit before .jpeg>

On Sep 11, 2021, at 9:18 PM, Gonzales, Aubree <Aubree.Gonzales@sbcphd.org> wrote:

I've received your statement, thank you.

From: _____

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:08 PM

To: Gonzales, Aubree <Aubree.Gonzales@sbcphd.org>

Subject: Re: A21-076445 Horse welfare

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Gonzales, Aubree

From:
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2021 9:35 AM
To: Gonzales, Aubree
Subject: Complaint against SYV Trail Rides

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is . I am a former "Wrangler" who worked at Santa Ynez Trail Rides from December 2020-September 2021. Prior to that, I was a veterinary technician ranging from general practices such as to emergency clinics like and I worked at several clinics in between. I even participated in an Internship at and I have been in the horse industry for approximately 25 years. In fact, I have worked at several trail barns, such as: , and I owned my own trail company in around 2015. Never in my life have I seen a more blatant disregard for the well being of these animals and/or for the overall well being of the customer.

I am well versed in veterinary medicine and I tried to help this company, initially thinking "maybe they don't know better." No. They absolutely do and they will all brag about how much they know about horse care, yet every single one of these horses are on the verge and/or are crippled, but used daily.

This facility is an outrage and needs to be stopped! Their stalls are soaked in urine, there is little to no covering to protect them from weather conditions, no health care is provided, these horses are overused and hardly fed.

Listed below are a few things in which I KNOW to be true. I am always available to talk via phone or in person. I will do anything to help put an end to this injustice and to help these poor horses get the help they deserve.

Thank you,

1) These hard working horses receive minimal food. Regardless of size, amount they work, health concerns, they all receive just barely enough to keep them going. Each get 1 flake for breakfast and 1 for dinner. Regardless if they're Big Jake (trail horse that is used constantly) or Marshmallow the mini-horse)used for pony rides. 80% of the time, this hay is moldy. The horses do get some bottom shelf grain and irrelevant supplements, that can hardly be considered effective, if at all.

2) Bob Sweeney refuses to buy bedding for the horses , because it inconveniences the stall cleaners. These cleaners also feed 6 days a week and regularly skip feeding certain horses and or giving supplements due to laziness. This has been brought to bob and ' attention, yet nothing has been done.

3) Bob refuses to properly fix the plumbing at the barn, instead relies on electrical tape. So almost weekly a pipe bursts in their stalls and the horses have no place lay down, be comfortable, and their food is now soaked in urine and feces. This is inhumane, disgusting and unhealthy for the horses that work so hard, for no relief.

4) _____, a self proclaimed horse woman, refuses to and is incapable of properly training these sweet animals. Instead she heavily relies on Acepromizine. She gives each trail horse (and even pony ride ponies/miles) anywhere between 1-3cc of Ace (sometimes multiple times a day) daily.

5) When these horses are in pain: lame, sore back, etc. they do not receive the proper care or time off. Instead they pump the animals full of bute and hope for the best. Often adding in Ace, so they don't dump their riders, due to the pain.

In fact they often try justifying these injuries by saying "she can't tell when she's limping, she's not in pain." Or "every horse ends up with ringbone." These people are grossly under qualified to be taking care of such incredible animals.

Fame:

Breed- Saddlebred/Arabian

Color- Paint

Size- Approximately 16.1 hands

Sex- Mare

Age- Approximately 20yrs old

--Fame is an older pregnant mare, that is used regularly (up to multiple times a day), with a known fractured knee and little to no health care. She is getting zero supplements for the baby, fed 2 flakes of hay a day (1 AM 1 PM), a small amount of grain and is expected to carry larger riders through water and on extremely rocky terrain. She carries heavier and larger people due to her size and build, yet gets no extra time off, no additional food and no relief from the hard trails.

--Unfortunately I do not have an exact time frame, but I did witness a disturbing incident regarding her and a text message from Bob Sweeney (which is currently in your possession) which proves his lack of care.: Approximately 6months ago Fame started showing extreme lameness issues, which were very obviously in her knee. I pointed this out to both Bob and _____ (acting manager) who both went on to make the excuse "she stepped on a rock and is just being a baby." They continued to use her relentlessly following those kind of statements. Again, when she'd fall lame, I'd say "She needs xrays, it looks like it's in her knee", they refused. About 3 months ago, another guide took out a ride with Fame. I stayed at the barn. Approximately 30min into their ride, the Guide called me because Fame could no longer walk. I jumped on another horse which was at the ranch, met the group on trail, gave the guest (who was on Fame) the horse I was on, and started to walk Fame back. Fame was in so much distress, she could only take a few steps at a time and had to stop. She refused to put weight on her knee and could hardly hobble home. During this time, I informed Bob/_____ and _____ demanded she need xrays, they finally agreed. _____ (_____ Veterinarian--there should be medical records) then came and took xrays of the mare, on another day. It was determined that she indeed did have a fractured knee and given that she was older, pregnant, etc., he recommended that she be retired. This never happened. This is where the text (in which you currently have possession of) becomes relevant. In this text, Bob Sweeney tells his staff that he ALWAYS SECOND GUESSES VETS. I know first handedly that this horse was never received care for her injury, is currently being used relentlessly and is still showing signs of discomfort. Bob Sweeney and/or _____ /any of their associates are in any way capable of caring for a pregnant mare, they are incompetent when it comes to raising a foal and they have

zero business training her/him. The foal will NOT be properly cared for and will not receive the appropriate training in which every foal requires. They have zero idea what they are talking about and what they are doing, and it is overall unfair to do to the mare and/or baby.

Gandolf:

Breed- Quarter Horse

Color- Grey

Size- Approximately 15.3 Hands

Sex- Gelding

Age- Approximately 21 years old

--Gandolf is an older Quarter Horse gelding that goes on trails as often as 4+ times daily. He is used basically on every trail, if not every single trail. From carrying children to heavier guests, this horse NEVER receives a break. He is used daily and is suffering immensely because of it.

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Sex: Gelding

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Breed: Quarter Horse?

Color: Appaloosa/Red Roan

Size: Approximately 15 hands

Sex: Gelding

Age: Approximately 15 years old

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Sincerely,

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Gonzales, Aubree

From:
Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 10:03 AM
To: Gonzales, Aubree;
Subject: Fwd: Complaint against SYV Trail Rides

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It has also come to my attention that this email was never seen either...

Sincerely,

----- Forwarded message -----

From:
Date: Sat, Sep 18, 2021 at 9:34 AM
Subject: Complaint against SYV Trail Rides
To: aubree.gonzales@sbcphd.org <aubree.gonzales@sbcphd.org>

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is . I am a former "Wrangler" who worked at Santa Ynez Trail Rides from December 2020-September 2021. Prior to that, I was a veterinary technician ranging from general practices such as to emergency clinics like , and I worked at several clinics in between. I even participated in an Internship at , and I have been in the horse industry for approximately 25 years. In fact, I have worked at several trail barns, such as: ' and I owned my own trail company in around 2015. Never in my life have a seen a more blatant disregard for the well being of these animals and/or for the overall well being of the customer.

I am well versed in veterinary medicine and I tried to help this company, initially thinking "maybe they don't know better." No. They absolutely do and they will all brag about how much they know about horse care, yet every single one of these horses are on the verge and/or are crippled, but used daily.

This facility is an outrage and needs to be stopped! Their stalls are soaked in urine, there is little to no covering to protect them from weather conditions, no health care is provided, these horses are overused and hardly fed.

Listed below are a few things in which I KNOW to be true. I am always available to talk via phone or in person. I will do anything to help put an end to this injustice and to help these poor horses get the help they deserve.

Thank you,

1) These hard working horses receive minimal food. Regardless of size, amount they work, health concerns, they all receive just barely enough to keep them going. Each get 1 flake for breakfast and 1 for dinner. Regardless if they're Big Jake (trail horse that is used constantly) or Marshmallow the mini-horse)used for pony rides. 80% of the time, this hay is moldy. The horses do get some bottom shelf grain and irrelevant supplements, that can hardly be considered effective, if at all.

2) Bob Sweeney refuses to buy bedding for the horses , because it inconveniences the stall cleaners. These cleaners also feed 6 days a week and regularly skip feeding certain horses and or giving supplements due to laziness. This has been brought to bob and ' attention, yet nothing has been done.

3) Bob refuses to properly fix the plumbing at the barn, instead relies on electrical tape. So almost weekly a pipe bursts in their stalls and the horses have no place lay down, be comfortable, and their food is now soaked in urine and feces. This is inhumane, disgusting and unhealthy for the horses that work so hard, for no relief.

4) , a self proclaimed horse woman, refuses to and is incapable of properly training these sweet animals. Instead she heavily relies on Acepromizine. She gives each trail horse (and even pony ride ponies/miles) anywhere between 1-3cc of Ace (sometimes multiple times a day) daily.

5) When these horses are in pain: lame, sore back, etc. they do not receive the proper care or time off. Instead they pump the animals full of bute and hope for the best. Often adding in Ace, so they don't dump their riders, due to the pain.

In fact they often try justifying these injuries by saying "she can't tell when she's limping, she's not in pain." Or "every horse ends up with ringbone." These people are grossly under qualified to be taking care of such incredible animals.

Fame:

Breed- Saddlebred/Arabian

Color- Paint

Size- Approximately 16.1 hands

Sex- Mare

Age- Approximately 20yrs old

--Fame is an older pregnant mare, that is used regularly (up to multiple times a day), with a known fractured knee and little to no health care. She is getting zero supplements for the baby, fed 2 flakes of hay a day (1 AM 1 PM), a small amount of grain and is expected to carry larger riders through water and on extremely rocky terrain. She carries heavier and larger people due to her size and build, yet gets no extra time off, no additional food and no relief from the hard trails.

--Unfortunately I do not have an exact time frame, but I did witness a disturbing incident regarding her and a text message from Bob Sweeney (which is currently in your possession) which proves his lack of care.: Approximately 6months ago Fame started showing extreme lameness issues, which were very obviously in her knee. I pointed this out to both Bob and (acting manager) who both went on to make the excuse "she stepped on a rock and is just being a baby." They continued to use her relentlessly following those kind of statements. Again, when she'd fall lame, I'd say "She needs xrays, it looks like it's in her knee",

they refused. About 3 months ago, another guide took out a ride with Fame. I stayed at the barn. Approximately 30min into their ride, the Guide called me because Fame could no longer walk. I jumped on another horse which was at the ranch, met the group on trail, gave the guest (who was on Fame) the horse I was on, and started to walk Fame back. Fame was in so much distress, she could only take a few steps at a time and had to stop. She refused to put weight on her knee and could hardly hobble home. During this time, I informed Bob/ and demanded she need xrays, they finally agreed. () Veterinarian--there should be medical records) then came and took xrays of the mare, on another day. It was determined that she indeed did have a fractured knee and given that she was older, pregnant, etc., he recommended that she be retired. This never happened. This is where the text (in which you currently have possession of) becomes relevant. In this text, Bob Sweeney tells his staff that he ALWAYS SECOND GUESSES VETS. I know first handedly that this horse was never received care for her injury, is currently being used relentlessly and is still showing signs of discomfort. Bob Sweeney and/or /any of their associates are in any way capable of caring for a pregnant mare, they are incompetent when it comes to raising a foal and they have zero business training her/him. The foal will NOT be properly cared for and will not receive the appropriate training in which every foal requires. They have zero idea what they are talking about and what they are doing, and it is overall unfair to do to the mare and/or baby.

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Gonzales, Aubree

From:
Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 10:02 AM
To: Gonzales, Aubree;
Subject: Fwd: Carly vs SYV trail Rides

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Good morning,

Originally this email was sent to Aubree Gonzales, but I hear she never received it. I have forwarded it to you both, for your review.

Sincerely,

----- Forwarded message -----

From:
Date: Sat, Sep 18, 2021 at 7:56 PM
Subject: vs SYV trail Rides
To: aubree.gonzales@sbcpnd.org <aubree.gonzales@sbcpnd.org>

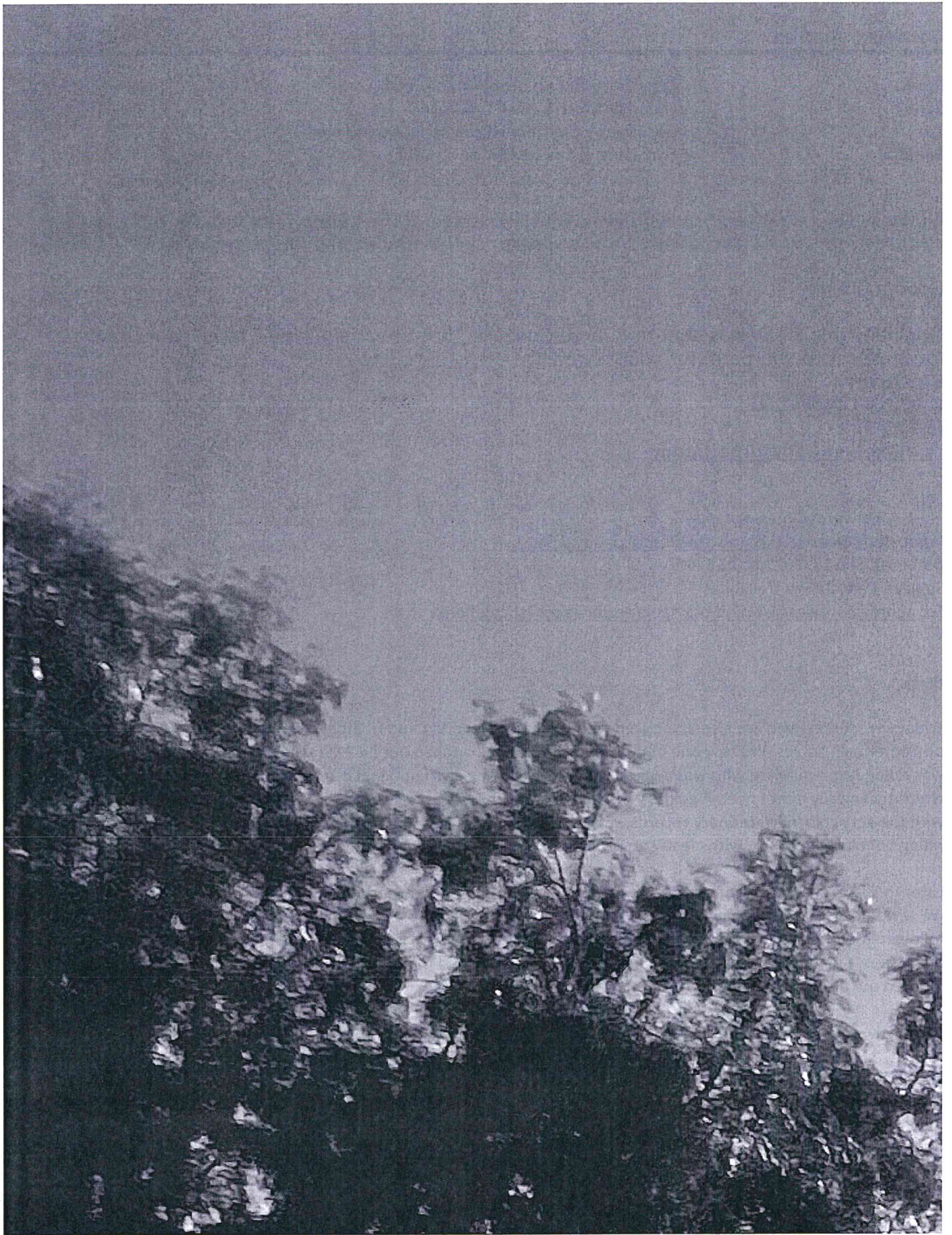
Hello,

Today my friends (who are also associated with the case, and I went horseback riding on the riverbed on horses. We saw one of the SYV trail rides being taken out by 2 Wranglers. The Wrangler riding in the back was riding Fame. A horse who was suggested to be retired by an veterinarian. It was a 2 person ride, which technically didn't need 2 guides, so they were putting extra strain on the horse for no reason. This is the horse with the very colorful veterinary records, who is pregnant with a fractured knee. We have video of them from today riding her over river rock, with clearly no concern of her well-being and/or the veterinarians suggestion.

Later this afternoon we went by to see our friend who lives on the property. She was not home. While in the driveway we saw Bob Sweeney's car pulling out of the driveway pulling a trailer, being followed by car. We followed them to (). This is a ranch where it was recently rumored that Bob and I planned to hide their horses from you. We returned to the ranch and saw that the ENTIRE place was cleaned out and all the horses are gone.

Obviously, we are very concerned!

I have attached photos.







ACTIVITY 21-076445

WITNESS STATEMENT

Today's Date: 9/8/21

WITNESS

Name _____
Address _____
City/Zip _____
Home Telephone _____
Work Telephone _____
Email: _____

ANIMAL OWNER (Check here if unknown -)

Name Bob Sweeney (SVV Horseback Rider)
Address _____
City/Zip _____
Home Telephone _____
Work Telephone _____
Email: _____

DESCRIPTION OF ANIMAL(S) INVOLVED IN INCIDENT

Breed Pony / Paint
Color Palomino Paint
Size 14 hands
Sex G
Age 16
Name Biscuit

Breed _____
Color _____
Size _____
Sex _____
Age _____
Name _____

Is this your animal? •Yes •No

Is this your animal? •Yes •No

Type of incident Neglect and Abuse / Horse was told to have time off

Date of incident Ongoing Time of incident _____ am/pm Location of incident 1400 W Hwy 246

Please give an accurate and detailed description of the incident and what you witnessed. Continue on reverse side.

Biscuit was supposed to be given time off / CA 93472
after being in extreme pain from injuries.
I witnessed him being ridden on a 1 hour rocky
river trail ride on 9/6/21. He was in
pain trying to walk as he was almost walking
on his heels.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED ON REVERSE SIDE

WITNESS STATEMENT CONTINUED

I also saw a pregnant mare with a fractured knee being ridden. Fame is her name. She was told to be retired 1 month ago. A grey horse, Gandolph, was also used who had lost at least 500 lbs since I last rode him last October. He was also said to have colicked last Thursday. These horses and much more under their care are in pain and being forced to work. We have evidence that they are over drugging these horses with pain meds to make them usable.

I, the undersigned, do hereby swear upon penalty of perjury that the above affidavit is a true and accurate statement of facts, including the date(s), time(s), and details of the alleged violation(s) and/or incidents(s). I understand that this complaint may result in court action and I, as the violation witness, may be solely responsible for any court appearances necessary to pursue this case through the judicial system.

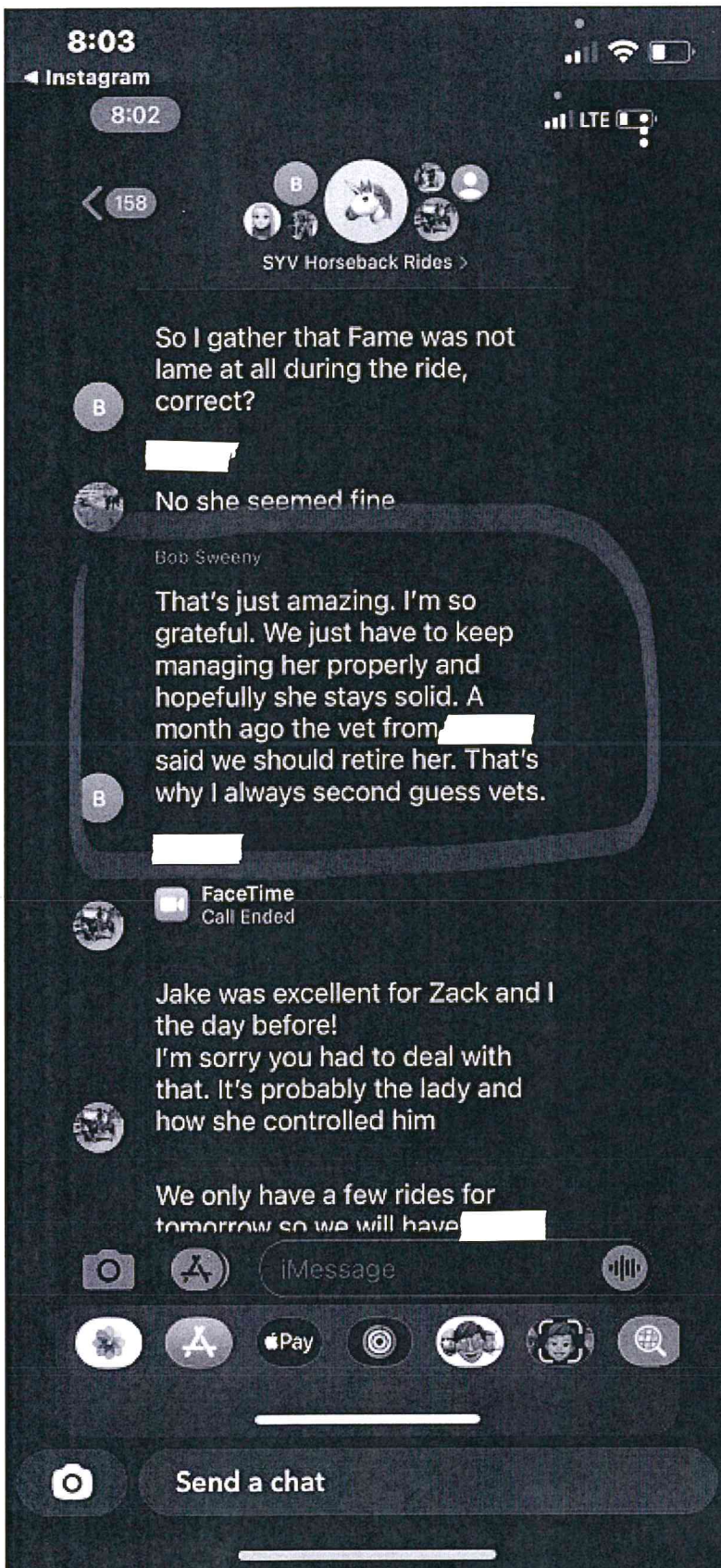
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Date City

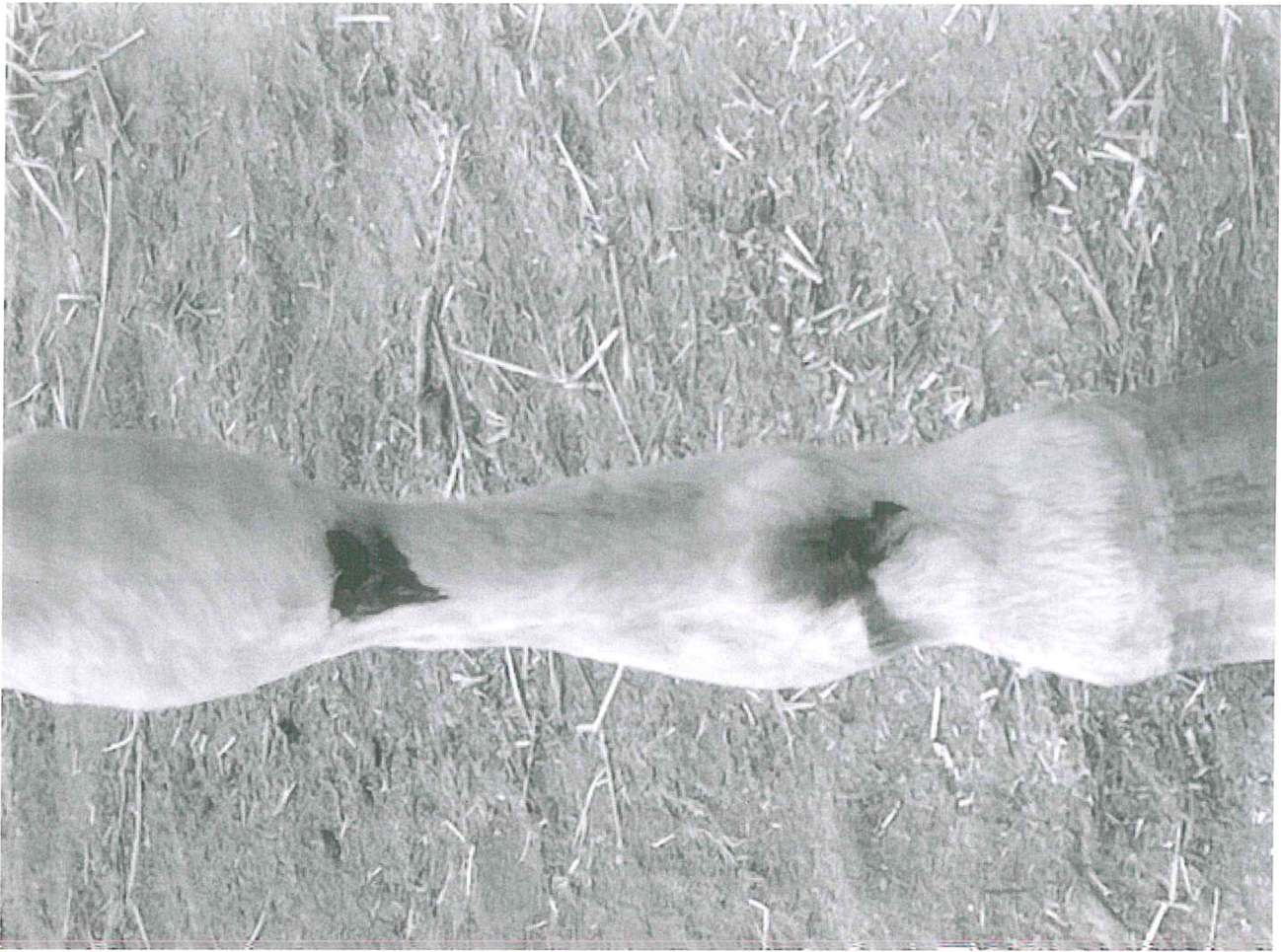
Signature: _____

Bixby, Julia

From:
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:57 AM
To: Koens, Christopher
Subject: Re: Animal Services Case #A21-076445 1400 W Hwy 246

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#horsegirl #syvhorserides #ucsb #goleta #805
#islavista #goletabeach #goldenhour
#goodvibes #summer #summervibes #travel





Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 8, 2021, at 8:53 AM, Koens, Christopher wrote:

Please review the following form for a Witness statement. You are welcome to provide a copy to anyone with first hand experiences related to this case. Please provide a list including names, phone number, email address and relation to the property.

C. Koens
Animal Control Officer II
Santa Barbara County Animal Services
805-934-6119 ext 7

Bixby, Julia

From: Scott Wolfe
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:42 AM
To: Gonzales, Aubree
Subject: Animal Control Report for Santa Ynez Valley Horseback Rides

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Aubree,

The City of Buellton is currently processing a request for a Conditional Use Permit for Santa Ynez Horseback Rides to operate an equestrian facility on City owned property.

As you are likely aware, there have been a series of complaints lately regarding the treatment of animals by this operator. In an effort to provide our decision makers with relevant information, we have asked the operator (Bob Sweeney) to provide veterinary reports on all of the horses associated with this operation. Additionally, we have asked for a report or other statement from Animal Services. Mr. Sweeney has provided the veterinary reports, but has indicated that there has been a delay in obtaining a report from Animal Services.

The City of Buellton recognizes and respects the role of County Animal Services in matters pertaining to the care and treatment of animals within the City, and seeks feedback from you to inform our decisions on this matter. I would like to request a response, either in writing or by phone, on this matter so that we can proceed with our permitting process. If investigations are on-going and a report cannot be provided until they are complete, we understand this position and would request confirmation of this status.

I can be reached at

Thanks,

Scott

Scott Wolfe, ICMA-CM
City Manager
City of Buellton



Bixby, Julia

From:
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 12:19 PM
To: Gonzales, Aubree
Subject: Fwd: Biscuit and additional Vet Reports

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Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: September 15, 2021 at 10:16:54 AM PDT
To
Cc: Bob Sweeney
Subject: Biscuit and additional Vet Reports

My name is [redacted] and I called an emergency vet for Bob Sweeney's horse that is on our property after Bob refused to treat his horse. We watched for a week as the SYV Horse back rides used the horse Biscuit and then would leave for the night, leaving this horse in pain. The horse would frequently lay down and shift it's weight off its very swollen knees. We asked the owner to come and administer care for the horse who was in a tremendous amount of pain but he did not come. We used the boarding contract that he signed that the land owners can get emergency vet care if the horse owner does not. We met with Dr. [redacted] from [redacted] in the middle of the night who treated Biscuit. Dr. [redacted] informed us that Biscuit needed to be off for at least a month from rides and needed to be re-evaluated. She gave Biscuit pain medication and also provided us with pain medication to give the horse. We asked Dr. [redacted] to send the bill to us as we already told the horse owner we would pay for the vet bill as he showed no regard for caring properly for the horse. We wanted to make sure Biscuit received the treatment he needed. The very next day, animal control came out to the property. I met with the officer and the manager of the trail riding business, [redacted]. She told the animal control officer that clearly Biscuit was not in pain and the pain medication administered by the vet was too strong. This statement by her, as the horse was still shifting his weight, made me believe she was not going to continue proper treatment for the horse and disregard Dr. [redacted] examination. Shortly after that, the horse was removed from property. Within a month the horse was brought back to property and put to work again without properly clearing him with Dr. [redacted] as Bob Sweeney agreed to do. The horse is still declining in health and constantly shows signs of pain.

I have asked several times for the vet report for Dr. [redacted] that I was told we would receive as the land owners and the people who called. We have attempted several times to get the horses cared for properly but the owner keeps saying that [redacted] vet is clearing these horses for trail riding. This examination was in May and I am requesting that report as the land owner and the signed agreement from Bob Sweeney on his boarding contract.

Additionally, I was an owner of this same trail riding business with Bob Sweeney before we disagreed

with horse care and employee treatment and left the business. We officially left the business in March which I can provide paperwork. Before leaving the business though I was an owner when several of the horses were seen by Vet, including the horse Gaul. I am also requesting vet records from all horses seen for Bob Sweeney for the trail riding business from March 2020 and before as an owner of the business. All documentation needs to be provided to us as owners as laid out in the partnership agreement for the LLC. In the agreement it says Bob Sweeney had control of all horse care. But it also says all paperwork will be provided to owners when requested. Please provide all prior records from March 2020 as well.

Bob Sweeney and have been CC'd to this email.

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

Gonzales, Aubree

From:
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 7:05 PM
To: Gonzales, Aubree
Subject: Fame
Attachments: IMG-3802.mov

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Video on 9/18/2021
Takin by my daughter
I can have her make a statement

Gonzales, Aubree

From:
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 3:33 PM
To: Gonzales, Aubree
Subject: Bisquit.
Attachments: IMG-2630.MOV

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Video by

9/26/21 15:25- an email with subject title "Gaul" was provided by [redacted] who provided picture of a veterinary report from [redacted] Vet a river dated 9/14/21 for "Gaul" who's last Vet report was on 1/21/21. [redacted] wrote Gaul was returned to previous owner and the picture showed proof of a history of negligence

Patient History Report: Gaul - 9/14/21

Clinic: [redacted]

Patient: Gaul
ID: [redacted]
Tag: [redacted]
Species: Equine, Thoroughbred
Sex: gelding/gelded
Age: 21 years, DOB: [redacted]
Weight: [redacted]
Color: Chestnut
Last visit: 1/29/20
Referred By: [redacted]

Bob & Eve Sweeney
[redacted]
Home Phone: [redacted]
ID: 10254, File [redacted]
Tel: / Fax: [redacted]

Medical Record Entries:
1/21/21 [redacted]

12/22/20 Exam-General or Recheck [redacted]

12/22/20 Farm Call [redacted]

12/22/20 [redacted]

12/10/20 Exam-Musculo-Skeletal [redacted]

12/10/20 [redacted]

12/10/20 [redacted]

1/29/20 [redacted]

Gonzales, Aubree

From: Gonzales, Aubree
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 3:25 PM
To:
Subject: RE: Gaul

Who is was the horse's "previous owner" and when was Gaul returned to them? Who returned Gaul to them? New owner of Gaul can reach out to me directly. Thanks

Best,

A Gonzales
Interim Supervising Field Officer
County of Santa Barbara Animal Services
548 West Foster Road
Santa Maria, CA 93455
(805) 934 6119



Santa Barbara County



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From:
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 1:51 PM
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This horse has been returned to his previous owner the purpose of this information is to show a history or negligence by Bob here he sees this horse is not fit for the job, but continued to use him
I will send the video of Gaul falling with a rider.

Patient History Report: Gaul - 9/14/21

Clinic:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Client:

Bob & [REDACTED] Sweeney

Patient: G

ID:

Tag:

Species:

Sex:

Age:

Weight:

Color:

Last visit:

Referred

Gonzales, Aubree

From: Gonzales, Aubree
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 3:22 PM
To:
Subject: RE: Date on video

Hi

Thanks for information. Please provide witness statement to (if that's same that recorded video) and ask her to complete statement and provide the video to me directly- the way I described in an email I recently sent to you today. Thanks

Best,

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Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Gonzales, Aubree <Aubree.Gonzales@sbcphd.org>
Subject: Date on video

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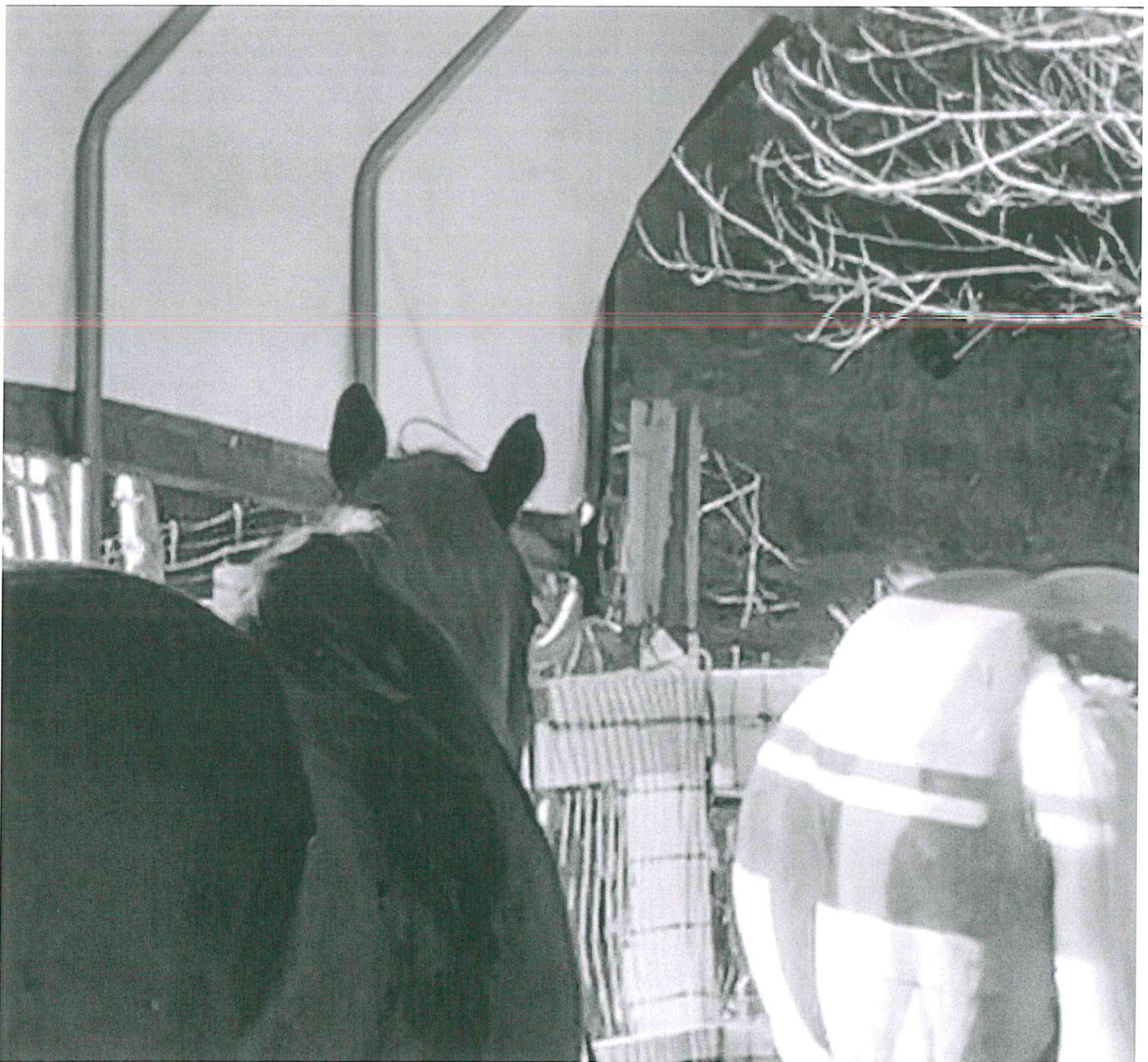
date on photo my goal is to prove this has been happening with horses for the 12 months they were

1:46 ↗



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April 18 6:46



9/26/21 13:13- an email with subject title "Gaul" was provided by [REDACTED] who provided a youtube link that she described as a horse collapsing from a previous email. The video was uploaded to youtube by [REDACTED] . on September 23, 2021. Unknown when video was taken. According to Gaul was returned to previous owner. Unknown who took the video. The video briefly depicted what appeared to be a brown horse walking through water and possibly stumbling on something below the surface. The horse's front end lowered and the rider appeared fall forward over horse's head before video ended.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...>

Gonzales, Aubree

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Gonzales, Aubree

From: Gonzales, Aubree
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To:
Subject: RE: Gaul

The video briefly showed a horse that may have tripped or stumbled on something in the water. It looked like the rider was falling forward over the horse's head but I can't be sure. This video didn't depict a horse "collapsing" as suggested.

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