

## DELAND CITY HALL AND POLICE RAID ARK

The following videos were made by the DeLand Police Department. Within several hours one of the raid police officers had uploaded to YouTube as noted by several of our volunteers. These were also given to the local newspaper, *The Beacon*, and posted on its website. The videos do not "expose" any type of lack of cleanliness, neglect, or abuse. In fact that is the reason these videos were not introduced into court by the city.

### Videos in order of filming:

(1) Cops arrived while volunteers were cleaning kennels. All shelters begin cleaning and don't open to the public until around 10am and for this reason. The city intentionally raided early but they didn't find the filth they were hoping to video. There were no feces in kennels, the water and food bowls were filled, and kennels had new beds though some were removed during cleaning. The dogs were terribly frightened as their barking was something we never saw happen with visitors coming and going on a daily basis. Several dogs turned over food and water bowls in in the chaos. The dogs in the small kennels under the portico were walked a minimum of four times daily by Stetson students and other volunteers. They were also rotated to inside the building and outdoor kennels. Dogs never stayed in one location for more than a few days. The large outdoor fenced kennels had large igloos and were poop scooped twice daily. When the cops raided they ordered the four volunteers off the property. When additional volunteers arrived they were refused access to the property to feed, water, walk, and medicate animals. The volunteers pled with cops to allow them to take care of the animals. They were refused access.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKoZmPkm1zs>

(2) Michelle Realander, code enforcer/animal control officer who wrote her superior that "...animals do not need to be confiscated..." read the search warrant to the volunteers while they were attempting to care for sick cats in the isolation room (in the background). Note the floor is clean, a seriously injured dog just rescued is to the left, and the cages and counter attractive, neat, and clean.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HyqUH8eE-g>

(3) After intimidating me into signing away 12 fully vetted dogs to kill shelters, costing us over \$150+ per dog, trucks from shelters arrived to haul the frightened and healthy dogs away. One dog was killed a few days later at a shelter because they said he was "aggressive." He was not! He was afraid. NO MEDICAL PAPERS ACCOMPANIED the dogs to their new "home" so shelter personnel had no idea what medical attention, vaccines, etc. the animals had received. I refused to sign away the remainder of the animals.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEq00EhA4Gc>

(4) The sick cats in isolation rooms and healthy cats in the front room and on the porch were kept in small carriers outside in the parking lot until past 7pm. The ill cats were under a veterinarian's care, on medication, and seen every few days at the adjacent hospital. A mother cat and kittens with leukemia/aides were isolated in a separate room upstairs. They were transported to ARNI in Daytona Beach and never told these cats had a highly contagious life-threatening disease. No video was taken of the Cat Suite on the second floor, an attractive room housing approximately 35 healthy cats. The room was filled with toys, climbing apparatus, etc. That room was devastated the day after the raid when cops returned to confiscate them. The cats were so traumatized they vomited and defecated all over the room. Comments on the video are about the sick cats waiting in carriers late into the night; comments to make it appear we had done this to them or were not caring for them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hcH7FCJNz6c>

(5) Same as #4 comment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yVeABZqbu6k>

Medical papers were never given to the rescues or shelters who took our animals. Just that one act of omission by the city shows no interest in the well-being of our animals. An ill kitten was removed from a heating pad for transport and later died.