**CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 § IN THE JUSTICE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF §

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*(Alleged Owner of Animal(s)) §*

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 § \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER – CRUELLY TREATED ANIMAL CASE**

On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the court heard this case. Having heard all evidence and considered all pleadings on file, the court **FINDS** that the owner(s), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, of the animal(s) described as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* **Did not** cruelly treat the animal(s). It is therefore **ORDERED** that the animal(s) be returned to the owner(s).
* **Did** cruelly treat the animal(s) by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(describe the cruel treatment).* It is therefore **ORDERED** that the owner(s) be divested of ownership of the animal(s) described above.

It is further **ORDERED** that, **not** **before the 10th day after this order is signed**, the animal(s) described above be *(choose one)*:

* Sold by public auction, with the proceeds from the sale to be first applied to the costs ordered below.
	+ *Optional*: It is further **ORDERED** that the animal(s) be spayed or neutered at the cost of the receiving party.

* Given to the following municipal or county animal shelter or nonprofit animal welfare organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	+ *Optional*: It is further **ORDERED** that the animal(s) be spayed or neutered at the cost of the receiving party.
* Humanely destroyed, because the court **FINDS** that doing so is in the best interest of the animal or best serves the public health and safety.

It is further **ORDERED** that the owner(s) pay costs in the amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The animal owner(s) have the right to appeal this Order to the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Court of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas. The court **FINDS** that the estimated costs likely to be incurred to house and care for the impounded animal during the appeal process is $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It is therefore **ORDERED** that the amount of bond necessary to perfect an appeal is $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(the sum of the costs ordered above plus the costs likely to be incurred during the appeal process)*.

**ISSUED AND SIGNED** on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_**.**

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS