ANIMAL WELFARE INSPECTOR PUPPY FARM CASE NOTES

Below are case notes from an inspection of a suspected illegal dog breeding establishment by ISPCA Animal Welfare Inspector, Alice Lacey.

I arrived at the premises accompanied by the Gardaí. An old shed had been converted into a makeshift kennel divided into narrow pens using broken doors, wooden pallets, and old rusty metal sheeting. The construction was unstable and dangerous and the entire area was strewn with litter and debris. It was apparent that the dogs were being kept solely for breeding purposes. Conditions were extremely cramped with little or no natural lighting. The dogs had very little room to move or express normal behaviour. Many were displaying extremely nervous dispositions.

Nala

Golden Cocker Spaniel, estimate two to three years old. Nursing three pups approximately two weeks. All appeared to be in good physical health but Mum extremely nervous of human contact.

This picture was taken just after Nala arrived at the Vets – such sad eyes tell of the hardship she's suffered in her young life already.

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Many of the dogs were without water. Some pens had a small amount of straw bedding – soaked with urine as evidenced by the strong smell of ammonia. One of the poodles was stained almost fully yellow. Others had no bedding so that some of the new Mums and their puppies were lying on a cold, hard cement surface.

Vivian

White poodle mix, estimate two years old, expecting a litter. Coat very heavily matted and smelt strongly of urine and faeces. Skin visibly raw red and sore (wet straw bedding). All nails terribly overgrown and starting to bend restricting her ability to move or walk. One eye also weeping, possibly infected.

Vivian has since had these six healthy pups and is already unrecognisable.

I felt that all 29 dogs and puppies in this shed were welfare compromised and suffering unnecessarily and at that point decided to remove them to safety.

Thanks to generous animal lovers like you, Nala and Vivian's lives have been transformed and both will now get to live out their lives in loving homes. Alice

Help us put a STOP to cruel and illegal puppy farms and save more dogs like Nala and Vivian.

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