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Federal Judge Denies Puppy Mill Temporary Restraining Order

San Diego, CA: A federal judge has denied San Diego Puppy, Inc.'s request for a temporary restraining order to stop the City of San Diego from enforcing its anti-puppy mill ordinance. On December 13th, Judge Moskowitz denied a TRO application filed by Plaintiffs David & Veronica Salinas on behalf of San Diego Puppy, Inc. Plaintiffs tried to stop enforcement of the ordinance so they could reopen their pet shop on Mission Gorge Road in San Diego and sell puppies.

In their complaint against the City, Plaintiffs allege the ordinance violates the California and United States Constitutions because, they claim, it unfairly targets their business for closure.

In July, the San Diego City Council voted unanimously to ban the retail sale of dogs, cats and rabbits that have been housed and bred at substandard breeding facilities known as puppy mills or kitten factories, except for those originating from non-profit rescue organizations. In order to be in compliance with the ordinance, pet stores will need to keep certificates that identify the sources of their animals and make them available to animal control officers, law enforcement, code compliance officials or other city employees.

The Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction is scheduled for February 19, 2014.

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