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REIGNING CATS AND DOGS SITE VISIT REPORT,

ON SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2009 MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF BENTON PLANNING BOARD, INCLUDING, JERRY STAPE, JASON HOOVER, TIM GUNKLER AND MYSELF CONDUCTED A SITE VISIT TO THE REIGNING CATS AND DOGS SANCTUARY LOCATED AT 1597 RTE. 14A, PENN YAN, N.Y.

WE WERE MEET BY OWNERS ROBERT KROUSE AND WIFE ROSALIE AYERS WHO LED THE VISIT THAT INCLUDED A GARAGE AREA FOR THE DOGS, WITH ATTACHED OUTDOOR FENCED RUN AREA ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE HOME, AND A BASEMENT AREA OF THE OWNERS RESIDENCE FOR THE CATS, ALSO WITH AN OUTSIDE RUN.

THE DOGS WERE LOCATED IN A COMMUNAL SMALL SHED ROOM OFF THE BACK OF THE GARAGE. THERE WERE A SET OF STAIRS THAT LED DOWN TO THE BACK FENCED RUN AREA CONSISTING OF A SPAN OF 20'-30' WIDE X 100' LONG (APPROXIMATELY).

AT THE TIME THERE WERE 5-6 DOGS IN THIS AREA ALONG WITH ANOTHER 6 DOGS THAT WERE INSIDE A VAN. WE WERE TOLD THEY HAD JUST COME BACK FROM A RUN AT THE OUTLET TRAIL I BELIEVE, AND HAD NOT RETURNED THEM TO THE BACK WITH THE OTHER DOGS.

WE THEN PROCEEDED TO THE HOME WHERE WE WERE TAKEN TO THE 40' X 60' OUTSIDE RUN AREA FOR THE CATS ON THE SOUTH SIDE. THE CATS ACCESSED THIS AREA THROUGH A CAT DOOR FROM THE BASEMENT.

THERE WERE SEVERAL CATS IN THIS AREA RUNNING LOOSE. THE CATS ARE CONTAINED IN THE YARD WITH A FENCE THAT ALSO HAS ANGLED NETTING ATTACHED TO THE TOP.

INSIDE THE HOUSE WE PROCEEDED TO THE LARGE BASEMENT AREA. THIS AREA WAS A HIGH CEILING AREA WITH NUMEROUS CAGES AND CAT BEDS. MOST OF THE CATS ARE RUNNING LOOSE - APPROXIMATELY 20 OR SO. THERE IS A FEEDING AREA COMMON TO ALL CATS AND AN AREA WITH NUMEROUS LITTER BOXES. AS WITH ANY AREA WITH THAT MANY CATS THERE WERE THE USUAL AROMAS. THE AREA AT THE TIME OF OUR VISIT WAS ORDERLY.

THE BOARD MEMBERS FELT THAT THE NEED WAS THERE FOR THIS TYPE OF FACILITY. THEY DID QUESTION THE DOG NOISE ISSUE AND FELT THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION WOULD COME AT THE ZBA PULIC HEARING.

THANKS,  
JOHN GRIFFIN  
TOWN OF BENTON CODE ENFORCEMENT

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