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IN THE ~~COUNTY~~ COURT OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA     )

AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION

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FOR ISSUANCE OF A

COUNTY OF GAGE

) In the Office of Clerk of District Court  
Gage County, Nebraska

SEARCH WARRANT

AUG 11 2023

CASE NUMBER 2023-3870

Phyllis A Schoen  
Clerk of the District Court

1. COMES NOW, Sergeant T. Hanson #90310, of the Gage County Sheriff's Office, on this 9th day of August 2023, who being first duly sworn, upon oath says:
  
2. Your Affiant is a certified law enforcement officer with 31 years of law enforcement experience, including 7 ½ years with the Gage County Sheriff's Office and 14 years, 11 months experience as a deputy sheriff. Said affiant conducts all types of criminal law enforcement experience, including investigations into livestock neglect and other animal abuse and neglect cases. Affiant further states that he is currently investigating the crimes of: **felony livestock neglect, Nebraska Revised Statute 54-903, and violations of the Nebraska license requirements for a commercial dog or cat breeder,, Nebraska Revised Statute 54-627, a Class I Misdemeanor** in violation of the laws of the State of Nebraska, in Gage County Nebraska.
  
3. Your Affiant has more than 14 years of experience as a law enforcement officer investigating cases relating to the neglect and/or abuse of livestock. Your affiant has approximately 20 hours of specialized training related to livestock investigations.
  
4. Based on Affiant's training and experience, your Affiant has developed probable cause to believe, and does believe that there is concealed or kept hereinafter described, the following property, to wit:  
**A deceased horse, which is visible by observation from a public place, and another horse that is laying down and will not get up.**
  
5. That said person and property are concealed or kept in, on, or about the following described place, or person, to wit: **Blue Valley Veterinary Clinic, 3345 Highway 136 in Beatrice, Gage County, NE, a veterinary clinic with a large field attached to the east of the main building** with legal description: Parcel 1: Lot One (1), Blue Valley Subdivision, an Addition to the City of Beatrice, Gage County, Nebraska as platted on part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼ NW ¼) of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 6 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Gage



County, Nebraska together with an easement for access to South Line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼ NW ¼), 20 feet in width over the real estate described as follows: Commencing at a point 153 feet East of the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter or the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼ NW ¼) of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 6 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., thence East 20 feet, thence North 117.67 feet, thence West 20 feet, thence South 117.67 feet to point of beginning, being a part of Lot Two (2), Blue Valley Subdivision, an Addition to Beatrice, Gage County, Nebraska; and the non-exclusive right to use the easement granted in easement recorded at Book 49, Page 651. Parcel 2: Lot Two (2), blue Valley Subdivision, an Addition to the City of Beatrice, Gage County, Nebraska, as platted on part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼ NW 1/4 ) of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 6 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Gage County, Nebraska **and any other outbuildings and vehicles on the property.**

From the Gage County Assessor's Website, that said property is owned by: GLW Beatrice LLC C/O Jennafer M. Glaesemann, 3345 Highway 136, Beatrice, Nebraska 68310.

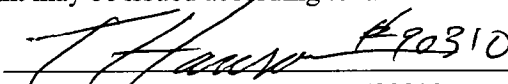
6. The following facts support your Affiant's probable cause for issuance of a search warrant, to-wit:
  1. The Gage County Sheriff's Office has received several reports from citizens concerning the care and possible neglect of horses owned by Jennafer Glaesemann and kept at Blue Valley Veterinarian Clinic, 3345 Highway 136, Beatrice, Nebraska and the Pickrell Veterinary Clinic 843 West Pickrell Road, Pickrell, Nebraska. Both locations are properties owned by Jennafer Glaesemann.
  2. Between June 1, 2023 and August 1, 2023, the Gage County Sheriff's Office has investigated approximately 12 reports of animal cruelty / neglect at 3345 Highway 136 Beatrice and 843 West Pickrell Road, Pickrell, Nebraska.
  3. During the course of the investigation, starting on or about June 15, 2023 through July 5, 2023 approximately 11 horses have died in the field behind the Blue Valley Veterinary Clinic and reportedly 2 more horse have died at the Pickrell Veterinary Clinic,
  4. The Gage County Sheriff's Office contacted a local construction company and, with the cooperation of Jennafer Glaesemann, an equine charnel pit was dug approximately sixty feet in length and ten feet wide and six feet deep. The carcasses of the dead horses were placed in that pit and covered with dirt.

5. Another horse died on or about July 10, 2023 in the field behind the Blue Valley Veterinary Clinic.
6. The sheriff's office continued to investigate the condition of an unknown number of horses that were at Blue Valley Veterinary Clinic and the Pickrell Veterinary Clinic. The exact number of horses at both locations was unknown, due to the horses clumping together in a small herd, and Jennafer Glaesemann moving the horses between the Pickrell Veterinary Clinic and the Blue Valley Veterinary Clinic, and possibly other locations.
7. On August 3, 2023 the Gage County Sheriff's Office enlisted the assistance of Investigator C. J. Fell #8903, a state deputy sheriff with the Nebraska Brand Committee, on this case.
8. Investigator Fell and I went to the Pickrell Veterinary Clinic and observed 7 horses at that location. The horses had water and there was evidence hay had recently been in the corral where the horses were located, but none was present at that time.
9. Investigator Fell and I met with Jennafer Glaesemann and in discussing the number of horses she owned, he requested she provide him with proof of ownership of the horses, based on Nebraska Revised State 54-1,116. She was able to provide sufficient paperwork for the adult horses at the Pickrell Veterinary Clinic, excluding two foals that were nursing on one mare.
10. On that same date, August 3, 2023, we relocated to the Blue Valley Veterinary Clinic, 3345 Highway 136, Beatrice, Nebraska, where we counted 30 horses, separated into three different corrals.
11. On August 3, 2023 There were hay bales present outside the fence for the property and Jennafer Glaesemann stated she would pitch the hay into the corral to feed the horses.
12. Investigator Fell stated that a horse will need to eat approximately 20 pounds of hay or grain each day. With 30 horses present, that would necessitate approximately 600 pounds of hay or grain be provided to the horses each day.

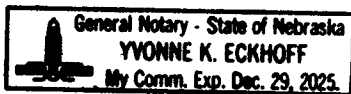
13. Several of the horses appeared to be malnourished and Jennafer Glaesemann attributed that to the horses having been purchased from kill pens, and she was trying to get them to a state of health.
14. Investigator Fell asked for proof of ownership on the horses, but Jennafer Glaesemann was not able to provide those papers.
15. Investigator Fell advised her to provide those documents to him and provided her with his e-mail address. He advised her she needed to contact the Gage County Sheriff's Office if any other horses in her care died.
16. Jennafer Glaesemann acknowledged owning the 7 horses at the Pickrell Clinic, the 30 horses at the location in Beatrice, and she stated 2 horses were at a friend's farm near Filley, Nebraska, 2 were at a facility in Missouri, and 5 or 6 horses were at her parent's farm in Jefferson County.
17. That would make Glaesemann acknowledging owning 46-47 horses, and another 15 that had died in the past couple of months for a total of 61-62 horses.
18. She stated she has lost employees and assistance and is basically the sole provider of care for the horses.
19. On August 9, 2023, Investigator Fell returned to Beatrice and advised me he had not received any documentation from Jennafer Glaesemann and he intended to cite her for 30 counts of Nebraska Revised Statute 54-1,116, for the 30 horses we had observed the week before.
20. At 11:15 am Investigator Fell and I went to Blue Valley Veterinary Clinic where we met Investigator R. Cline #8252 of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and Rick Herchenbach a program specialist for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.
21. I knocked on the door to the clinic, but no one answered. I called Jennafer Glaesemann, but had to leave a message for her to contact me. I went to a camper / trailer on the north side of the property to contact Jennafer Glaesemann, but no one answered.

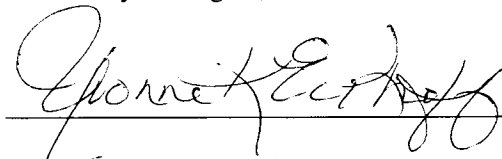
22. While I was near the trailer, I observed a dark brown horse on its side in the field behind the Blue Valley Veterinary Clinic. The horse did not move after several minutes and was presumed to be deceased.
  
23. I also observed another, tan colored horse, laying down and it would not stand up like the other horses in the field were doing.
  
24. At approximately noon, Jennafer Glaesemann came out of the clinic to speak with Investigator Fell, myself and the other investigators.
  
25. She failed to provide any documentation for the horses and when asked for permission to enter her property to retrieve the deceased horse for a necropsy, she stated she preferred to speak with her attorney.
  
26. While she was speaking with Investigator Fell, I heard her say that a horse had died overnight, meaning sometime after midnight on August 9, 2023.
  
27. Due to the large number of deaths of horses over a short period of time, a warrant is being requested in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute 54-906, in order to have a necropsy performed to determine whether or not felony livestock neglect is responsible for the death of the horse.

WHEREFORE, your Affiant prays that a search warrant may be issued according to law.

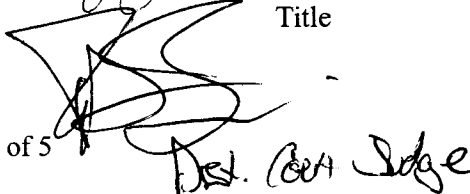
  
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 Sergeant T. Hanson #90310

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 9th day of August, 2023.



  
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 Det. Brent Sedge