

14502 State Highway 83  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921  
January 3, 2020

El Paso County, Attention: Rad Dickson  
2880 International Circle, Suite 110  
Colorado Springs, CO 80910-3127

Re: File AL-19-033, Parcel No. 6133005007

Dear Rad:

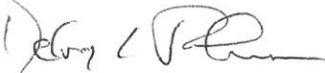
We are 100% opposed to this special use permit being granted, for many reasons. This is a commercial enterprise never intended in a residential area. It is not a small time operation, rather a large puppy mill, the type that would make the news if neighbors really started complaining; 14 barking dogs plus all their puppies would not be considered small by a reasonable person, and may even grow.

And the health concerns must be great, can you imagine the thousands of gallons of urine that must have saturated this small area over the last 25 years? The web says an average dog urinates 10-20 ml per pound (dog's weight) per day. Using 15 ml average, that is .28 gallon per day (3,785 ml in one gallon) which for an average 70 pound golden retriever is 102 gallons/year, x 25 years x 12 dogs average = 30,600 gallons of urine in that small area, so far. Has that leached down into their well water yet? Into the water aquifer yet and thus into my or other neighbors' well water yet? Has the County Health Department been informed? Or have they approved all this? And what a precedent to set, now dozens of neighbors can do the same thing, how could the County possibly turn them down without threat of lawsuit. And what about the reduction in my property value when I subdivide my 28 acres into 5 separate lots and those back lots are worth much less because of this?

In the past years we could not even leave our bedroom windows open at night because of all their barking, and they were informed of this; all we could ever think was, how can they possibly endure the barking, and why will they not do anything about it. And it is most certainly their dogs, no other neighbor's. We have also had their sons running across our property trying to catch escaped dogs, and one even charged my wife scaring her half to death. None of these things are acceptable or reasonable in a residentially zoned area.

This puppy mill operation must cease. They are not pets, they are animals kept caged up most of their lives for the sole purpose of reproduction to financially enhance their owners. It should be illegal, but then I guess it is, at least currently on this home site, surrounded by neighbors who just want some safety and peace and quiet. Please do not make this illegitimate business and threat legal.

Sincerely,



Delroy L. Johnson