

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF ORANGE

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JULIE BAKER

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Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO. 05-123432

TIMOTHY CONRAD  
DOES 1-50

Defendants.

DEPOSITION OF  
TIMOTHY CONRAD  
by Plaintiff's Attorney

December 7, 2005

[After introductions, instructions, and background questions]

Q: What is your address?

A: 359 S. Grove Place, Orange, California.

Q: And how long have you lived there?

A: About four years.

Q: Do you own any pets?

A: Yes, I have a cat.

Q: What is her name?

A: Princess.

Q: How long have you had her?

A: I adopted her ten years ago.

Q: From a humane society?

A: Yes.

Q: Have you had any other pets as an adult?

A: No, just Princess.

Q: Is she an indoor/outdoor cat?

A: No, she stays inside all of the time.

Q: Is she vaccinated?

A: Yes. She goes to the veterinary clinic regularly.

Q: Microchipped?

A: Yes, and she wears a collar.

Q: Where does she sleep?

A: All over the place. Sometimes on my bed, sometimes on the couch if I move too much, and she has a little bed on the floor.

Q: What does she eat?

A: Fancy Feast.

Q: Does she provide you with companionship?

A: Yes.

Q: Do you know Julie Baker?

A: Yes, I do, she's my next-door neighbor.

Q: How long have you known her?

A: I wouldn't say I really know her. I just know she's my neighbor.

Q: So, you are aware that Ms. Baker feeds feral cats in the neighborhood?

A: Yes, you can't miss it.

Q: Why do you say that?

A: There are animals everywhere. It's like she's the cat whisperer.

Q: How many cats do you think eat at her house?

A: Dozens.

Q: Are they all feral?

A: Yes, as far as I know.

Q: Even so, do you think they belong to Ms. Baker?

A: No, she just feeds them. Along with the squirrels and the raccoons and any other animal who wants a free meal.

Q: Did you tell Ms. Baker you were concerned about all of the animals?

A: Any chance I could.

Q: This letter, marked Exhibit 2, is this a letter you wrote to Ms. Baker?

A: Yes.

Q: Why did you write it?

A: Just like it says, I didn't like all of the animals in my yard.

Q: Were you truly afraid you would catch a disease?

A: Yes! They are filthy little things.

Q: Did you purchase a trap in the spring of 2004?

A: Yes, I did.

Q: For what purpose?

A: To trap cats.

Q: Why?

A: Because I wanted them to go away.

Q: Did you ever trap a cat?

A: A few.

Q: What did you do with them?

A: I drove them down the street to a park.

Q: Is that what you did with all of them?

A: No. I started to take them to the Orange County Animal Care Center.

Q: How many did you take there?

A: Just one.

Q: What did the cat look like?

A: I don't know, she was kind of tan. But, it was hard to tell since she was so dirty. Plus, I had a towel around the trap just like the instructions said. I didn't spend a lot of time looking at the cat. I just drove her over and dropped her off.

Q: Does this picture, marked as Exhibit 1, look like the cat?

A: No, I don't think so.

Q: Are you sure?

A: I'm 90% sure.

Q: Were you aware that you trapped a cat that belonged to Ms. Baker?

A: There is no way she owns all of those cats. If she says she owns those cats, then she owns every critter in our neighborhood.

Q: Did you think she would be upset that you took the cat to be euthanized?

A: No, I didn't even think she'd notice. I didn't think anyone would notice.

Q: Did you see Ms. Baker putting up flyers around the neighborhood about Missy?

A: No.

Q: Did you see the flyer?

A: Yes.

Q: Did you tell her that you took that cat to OCACC?

A: No.

Q: Why not?

A: First, I didn't know that was the cat. And, it had been about a week. The lady at the Animal Care Center said that they normally euthanize feral cats in three days and the other cats in six days. I thought that even if it was, it would be too late for her to do anything about it.

Q: So, you thought she would be upset?

A: No, I just thought it would be pointless.

Q: Do you feel sorry about what you did?

A: No, I didn't do anything wrong.

ATTORNEY: Thank you, I have no further questions.