

EXHIBIT "A"

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DOBERMAN PINSCHER CLUB OF AMERICA

Date: Sunday, March 5, 2000  
Regarding Motion #00-10 Combs/Eck  
Subject: Fierro Report

Move that the President of the DPCA personally contact Rose Anne Fierro and endeavor to get her to follow the decisions of the Hearing Committee.

After several conversations with Rose Anne Fierro I believe the following to be her position. She feels that her postings on her web site are true. Ms. Fierro did not initially contact the DPCA to make charges but to be informative. Her postings were made subsequent to her having charges against her by (as she perceived it) the DPCA. She has no intention of removing the postings unless the DPCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS makes an apology to her; pays for all the expenses that she occurred due to the hearing (including legal fees); and makes a monetary contribution to the Prince George's County SPCA in Maryland who have been put through hell. She also said that the "cease and desist" is not in the DPCA Constitution and feels that it is illegal. In conversations that I had with with Judy L. McCain, Cruelty Investigator, SPC/Humane Society & George J. Whiting, Associate Director for Prince George's County Animal Control Division they both felt at worse the e-mail postings of Rose Anne Fierro's were possible inflammatory but essentially true.

The following information I obtained through direct communication with Mr. Whiting, Prince George's County Animal Control Division. Mr. Whiting said that Rose Fierro was not the reason for initiation of an investigation against Theresa Wilds. Rather, based upon a complaint from a neighbor, they served Theresa Wilds with five citations including one animal cruelty with a total of fourteen counts. Last Wednesday there was a court hearing on the cases against Theresa Wilds & the agreement made by both attorneys is nearly completed. Shortly, all of the convictions of Ms. Wilds will be forwarded to the AKC and I expect that AKC will take the usual action in such cases. The following is a quote from Mr. Whiting's letter, "What amazed me most is that groups and individuals who profess to care for and protect these beautiful animals spread rumors, innuendos and make threats in support of an individual who is maintaining animals under inhumane conditions as defined by the law and by reasonable standards". In essence, Mr. Whiting felt that agents of the DPCA were actively supporting a person whom, based upon his department's investigation, was acting in a manner that was extremely detrimental to our breed. The hostility to DPCA and to DARE that we were informed of- in his mind- was well founded since it appeared to him that this organization was condoning Theresa Wild's actions and opposing that of Rose Anne Fierro's.

I presented the preceding paragraph to let you know why Mr. Whiting shut down the lines of communication with Sharon Hildebrand, Athy. Conigliarro, and all DARE members. As of recent, Mr. Whiting has opened up lines of communication to all persons. However, he will only release a dog with the stipulation that his department has the right of entry and inspection at the location where the dog is placed. Further, because DARE was apparently using private individuals to remove dogs from the shelter and then re-homing those animals afterwards, he informed me that if he finds that the animal has been moved he will terminate all further dealings with the persons involved.

Futher, Ms. Judy McCain, Cruelty Investigator is concerned how Sharon Hildebrand, Athy. Conigliarro, & Theresa Wilds got possession of a letter from the Chesapeake Animal Control which was privileged information and not to be released because it was part of a ongoing investigation. Sharon was denied this letter when she requested such by the freedom of information act. Ms. McCain feels that her privacy has been violated, that she has been threatened, and her work has been obstructed. Mr. Whiting has also said that he has been harassed, his work obstructed, etc. All of this by Athy Conigliarro, Sharon Hildebrand and other persons associated with DARE. These events led to the ceasing of communications with DARE. On February 27, 2000 the SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George's County commended one of our members, Rose Ann Fierro for her dedication to the prevention of cruelty and neglect to animals. "Mrs.

Fierro assisted in providing information on a case which we had prior knowledge". After reporting the case to us Ms. Fierro was faced with many obstacles. In spite of these obstacles, she did not turn her back on the animals. Ms. Fierro fully cooperated with the agencies involved in this case and made herself available at a moments notice to drive from New York to Prince George's County to testify. Calls coming into the SPCA are keep confidential. When her confidentiality was compromised due to an agency outside of Maryland, she did not back down and forget the animals who can not speak for themselves. We are presenting her with a plaque as an expression of our gratitude for her "Kindness and Selfless Dedication Towards All Creatures Great and Small". You should be very proud of this individual who not only protected the Doberman Breed but all the animals in this household. Sincerely, Judy McClain, Cruelty Investigator, SPCA/Humane Society. cc: Virginia May, President, SPCA/Humane Society.

I now wish to make my recommendation. Regardless of election, etc. I believe we should proceed so as to do that which is good for the Doberman Pinscher, all dogs, and the DPCA. I believe that the letter sent by the DPCA on behalf of Sharon and Athy being cleared of all charges was presented in such a manner to discredit the DPCA and myself by aligning us with DARE whose members supported and vouched for Ms. Wilds. If I knew what I know now I would never have allowed my name to be signed to the document. As for what the Board decides to do with or for Rose Anne Fierro that is your decision. Since I wasn't involved in the events leading up to and including the reprimand of Rose Anne it is difficult to advise you. I personally would send Rose Anne an apology from the DPCA. As for our COPE Rescue people, we must make some drastic changes for the good of this club. The finale will be when the AKC rules on the convictions of Theresa Wild, we will look very bad in the eyes of the dog world. Essentially members of our COPE Rescue Committee and DARE condoned and vouched for Ms. Wilds facility and care of dogs. They are currently very obstructive and reflecting poorly on our organization. I hope you all can dig deep and make a decision that is solely for the welfare of dogs and our club. I wish this was the end of it but I believe there may be more to come. Your decision may be the factor that either ends the problem or the spark to have the saga to go on. Please give this some serious thought.

Respectfully,  
Tony.