



Florida Animal Control Association

FACA Member Needs Help!

Alachua County Animal Services

The following is a Member Support Survey, initiated at the request of a FACA Member Agency. If you can help, please reply to the short survey at the following link: [MEMBER SUPPORT](#)

Hello,

I could use some guidance if anyone's ever had this problem...

We have confiscated and recently declared 3 dogs as "Dangerous Dogs" per Florida statute. The owner requested a hearing, and our decision was upheld. Accordingly the owner has been given 14 days to comply with statutes to reclaim. We understand he also has 30 days in which to appeal through appellate procedures.

Meanwhile one of the dogs was likely pregnant upon impound. If the owner chooses to comply with statutes & reclaim, she will need to be spayed. This poses interesting questions about what becomes of the puppies. Do we hold the mama until she delivers and nurses the pups for 8-10 weeks? And whether the owner complies & reclaims the mama dog or not, is he entitled to having the puppies returned? Advice from other jurisdictions would be appreciated.

Thanks,

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