



Dear Governor Abbott,

I'm writing on behalf of the Pit Bull Defense Fund, as well as, the Dowdy Ferry Animal Commission, to ask if you would be kind enough to meet with us. We've been trying, without any luck, to get the City of Dallas to address the ongoing issue of animal dumping (both dead and alive) on Dowdy Ferry Rd. in Dallas. Many of us have reached out to Mayor Mike Rawlings and the Dallas City Council time after time with absolutely no luck at all. While the city makes statements about the progress of this issue, you can see the information they're giving is not true.

City of Dallas:

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ANIMAL ABUSE:

Dowdy Ferry Animal Commission has data, photos and videos of every find since August 2015. They have worked the neighborhoods and gotten multiple leads. From these leads they've identified two illegal rodeos, two breeders, four suspected homes for cockfighting and one suspected location of dog fighting. They have had necropsies, performed by both DAS and independent veterinarians, supporting the claims of animal abuse. Nearly 20% of the animals they find show signs of abuse (This is a very conservative number). Despite this information and all of the reported leads, this group continues to get NO support, communication or collaboration from the City of Dallas or its agents.

City of Dallas:

THE CITY HAS PLACED MULTIPLE CAMERAS AT DOWDY FERRY IN HOPES OF CATCHING A DUMPER:

The city has TWO cameras at Dowdy Ferry - the same two cameras that have been there since 2014. We know this because when The Dowdy Ferry Animal Commission placed their own cameras, they found that no other cameras were in play. As far as we know, those cameras are not monitored by the city.

City of Dallas:

THE DUMPING AREA IS SO LARGE THAT THERE IS SIMPLY NO WAY TO COVER THE AREA IN AN EFFECTIVE WAY:

FACT: At Dowdy Ferry, there are ELEVEN sites where animals are consistently dumped week after week after week. This is an ENORMOUS ATROCITY and we don't believe it's too much to, at the very least, expect the city to monitor these 11 defined and documented sites.

City of Dallas:

WE'RE WORKING ON IT:

FACT: They simply are not. Dowdy Ferry Animal Commission, which is a small group of concerned citizens, has evidence. They have leads and a plan of attack for correction of this situation. What they do NOT have is cooperation from the City of Dallas.

We do not have the cooperation of the city because NO SINGLE CITY DEPARTMENT is ACCOUNTABLE FOR ANIMAL CRIMES IN DALLAS. Therefore, it's easy to push the Dowdy Ferry issue aside (and ALL ANIMAL ABUSE ISSUES aside) to deal with matters their departments ARE directly accountable for.

What we do have is almost 70,000 followers from all over the world that are watching the City of Dallas and waiting for answers. If these atrocities are happening day after day to animals, We can't even begin to imagine what else these criminals are doing that we never see, yet sadly the city is enabling them. As the Honorable Governor of Texas please take a leadership role and give us a small window of your time to discuss this issue since the Mayor of Dallas will not?

As Americans, we are told everyday, "If you see something, say something!" We're SAYING SOMETHING, we truly need someone to listen.

You can reach me at amy_babson@yahoo.com or by phone at 650-296-1473.

Kindly take a minute and watch this.

<https://youtu.be/ztWljjqHIDE>

Best regards,

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