

# DO YOU OWN A DOG?

**HOW ABOUT 2 DOGS? HOW ABOUT 4 DOGS?  
HOW ABOUT 10 DOGS OR MORE?  
HOW MUCH LAND DO YOU OWN?**

Lincoln County Commissioners are CHANGING the ordinances so that we can only have 10 dogs per acre of land. If you own .1 acre then you can have 1 dog, .2 acres – 2 dogs, .44 acres – 4 dogs, .65 acres – 7 dogs, and so on. If they pass this on December 17, they will give us until July 1, 2008 to get in compliance or we WILL be FINED! We will be fined for every dog over our limit for every day until we get to the "CORRECT" number. If you have 6 dogs and are allowed only 2 and it takes you 10 days to find them a home, then you will receive 4 citations per day for 10 days for a total of **40 citations**.

## *A Message From Gypsy:*

Hi! My name is Gypsy. I am an old female pit bull. I was used as a bait dog to train other pits to fight. (You have heard of Michael Vick haven't you?) I was used to fight on one particulate night over two years ago and got beat up so badly that my owner's no longer had any use for me. I was dumped on the side of the road awaiting my death when I was rescued and turned over to Tri-County Animal Rescue. They told the vet to make me better and he did. I was on TV and on the internet and I became famous. Donations came from all over the world (even from troops in Iraq and Afghanistan) to help pay for all my surgeries. They had to take my front leg off but I do ok with just 3 legs. I had to go to the University of Tennessee to have my face rebuilt.

Because I am so special, Tri-County kept me for their 'spokes-dog'. I "speak" out about important messages like the evils of dog-fighting and how you should have your pets 'fixed' etc. That is why I am here today. I have an urgent message I have to get to the people of Lincoln County.

I have been living here at Tri-County for the last few years. I thought my friends and I had it made but now my folks are crying because CHANGE is coming. They tell me that about half of us will have to DIE if the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners passes something called an ordinance. I don't know what that means but my folks are saying that many of my friends will be taken back to animal control. Oh NO! That is where most of my friends came from. If they go back there they will be killed in the gas chamber.

Do you know what happens when a dog gets the death sentence at the pound? I have to say that it is painful and it takes a while for us to die from the gas.

My owners were on-site one day when Animal Control performed their daily "kill" at the old facility on Boy Scout Road (NONE of the animal control workers currently employed were present for this special presentation). This is what they saw (in my own words).

They take us and put as many of us as they can in what they call the 'killer'. It is a chamber made of steel with a glass door that allows the workers to see inside. They literally 'stuff' as many of

us as they can into the chamber. We are very crowded and many of us try to reach the door so that we can see out. You know we dogs have a sense about us and we usually know when something is about to happen. Now we start screaming and howling.

About this time the door is slammed shut for the last time and the chamber is sealed off. Then this hissing sound starts and our lungs start burning. We ARE AWARE of this and IT DOES HURT. The workers have to look through the glass at us until they see that we are all dead. I know 'put to sleep' sounds better but the truth is we are DEAD!

After this we are placed in the back of a County truck and hauled to our final resting place at the land fill with the rest of the county garbage. What did we dogs do to deserve this kind of treatment?

After seeing this first hand, my owners had nightmares for weeks. They wanted to help us and that is how Tri-County

Animal Rescue got started. My owners said they want to help as many of us as possible.

Over the last 10 years, Tri-County has found homes for about 10,000 animals like me who have been saved from this fate. My folks still have over 500 dogs on their **26 acres** which puts them over the limit for what the new ordinance says they can have. I am sort of a famous dog so I will probably be okay. However, there are about 250 other of my friends THAT WILL DIE if the Lincoln County Commissioners pass this new ordinance. All my friends are fixed and current on rabies vaccinations. Our folks have taken very good care of us. I would hate to have to be the one to decide who gets to live and who gets to DIE. I know I wanted to live and so do all my friends at Tri-County.

You know it costs the county to kill us!? Who will be paying for this? You will because they are using county money to kill us. And now it looks like they will have to kill a lot more of us that will be turned in due to the new ordinance. Will YOU have to turn in a dog or two?

HOW MUCH WILL YOUR TAXES GO UP TO ENFORCE THESE NEW RULES? My folks say YOU can help us by letting these Commissioners know that this is a big deal for us dogs and also for you as a taxpayer. Please help us!

*Thank you, Gypsy*



**IF YOU ARE AGAINST THIS, PLEASE CALL OR WRITE THE  
COMMISSIONERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
THEY ARE VOTING ON DECEMBER 17, 2007.**

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