Special Use Docket SU21-14 (Mason)

✓ **YES**, I SUPPORT THIS REQUEST
Please state your reasons:

We hold the property on two sides of his property & Dillman RD is a private road owned by us + Chance Mason. We support Chance Mason in building a dog breeding organization

_____ **NO**, I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS REQUEST:
Please state your reasons:

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

PRINT NAME(S): HEIDI L WOGE MD

SIGNATURE(S): [signature]

YOUR TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 401360031E (the eight-digit identification number found on the tax statement from the Assessor's Office)

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RETURN TO: Robert Kirschmann, Planner II
Cochise County Development Services
126 West 5th Street, Suite 4
Benson, AZ 85602

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X **YES**, I SUPPORT THIS REQUEST
Please state your reasons:

Chance Mason's Property Border mine on two sides All he has done since he moved in is improve the property. I think he should be able to do what he wants with his land. If he doesn't do it right then's the time to complain

_____ **NO**, I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS REQUEST:
Please state your reasons:

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

PRINT NAME(S): John M Douglas

SIGNATURE(S): J M Douglas

YOUR TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 401 36C 030D (the eight-digit identification number found on the tax statement from the Assessor's Office)

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X **YES**, I SUPPORT THIS REQUEST
Please state your reasons:

Will improve the area. It's already cleaned up tremendously. They intend to do things the right way.

_____ **NO**, I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS REQUEST:
Please state your reasons:

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

PRINT NAME(S): Jeffrey L. Curry

SIGNATURE(S): J Curry

YOUR TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 401360006N (the eight-digit identification number found on the tax statement from the Assessor's Office)

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✓ **YES**, I SUPPORT THIS REQUEST
Please state your reasons:

We have discussed the plans with the neighbor, Chance Mason and asked questions, heard specific details about the planned project. We have seen the quality of work he has done so far - in cleaning up the property - and feel confident in his level of commitment to the project and care for the animals they will raise.

_____ **NO**, I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS REQUEST:
Please state your reasons:

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

PRINT NAME(S): Rosemary Stradling, Sherwin Stradling

SIGNATURE(S): Sherwin Stradling

Rosemary Stradling

YOUR TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 401-36-006E (the eight-digit identification number found on the tax statement from the Assessor's Office)

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✓ **YES,** I SUPPORT THIS REQUEST
Please state your reasons:
I AM AN ANIMAL LOVER.

_____ **NO,** I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS REQUEST:
Please state your reasons:

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

PRINT NAME(S): RAMACHANDRAN SIVASANKAR

SIGNATURE(S): R Sivasankar

YOUR TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 401-36-006 F3 (the eight-digit identification number found on the tax statement from the Assessor's Office)

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Cochise County Development Services
126 West 5th Street, Suite 4
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From: Antonio Pennella
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: docket Su-20-11 for parcel 401-36-003A
Date: Sunday, April 25, 2021 11:21:18 PM
Attachments: elfrida letter .PNG

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr. Kirschmann,

We are writing to you regarding the letter we received from Cochise county regarding docket no SU-20-11 for the request of special use authorization to establish AKC dog and exotic cat breading facility.
Our parcel no is 401-36-006M3 and 401-36-006H1

We have received a letter of intention from Mr. Chase Mason outlining his plans. We took his offer to meet and address our concerns about the impact his business could have on the neighborhood. Six of the neighbors visited his site and discussed the possible issues impacting others living in the vicinity to his property, the most important ones: the noise of barking dogs, dogs escaping and doing harm and the additional traffic that the business will bring into the area. Mr. Mason and his family/associates agree to keep to the promises outlined in the letter and also install the fence 6 feet tall with mesh preventing dogs from crossing it. Also, he promised to use anti-bark collars on the dogs to eliminate the excessive barking. We all agree that if Mr. Mason will follow through with the improvements listed in his letter (attached) and actions listed above we would not object to his plans.
We never discussed the exotic cat breeding scope and still would like to know how large of the exotic cat species are allowed and safety regulations that need to be followed to keep the neighbors safe. We are concerned that there could be an increase in predator presence (coyote and mountain lion) in the area which is a safety concern for our pet dogs and cats as well as ourselves.

I am attaching the letter received from Mr. Mason.

Thank you,
Antonio and Zofia Pennella
Rothwell and Phyllis Bouillon

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From: Ralph Garcia
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Cochise Co. Notice of Public Meeting TL;DR: permission to build breeding kennels
Date: Sunday, April 25, 2021 2:27:51 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Mr. Kirschmann,
I have an interest in this particular meeting during which the plan is to review/approve a resident's request to start a dog and cat breeding facility.

Please do the research on this. It is a path to puppy mill production of pets simply for the money. It is obvious, by which the kind of breeds they are intending to raise.

It is obvious of their choice of location, i.e. where they can be away from everyone and watching eyes. It is obvious that they do not want buyers coming to their facility, why?

I would hate to see this "business" pop up elsewhere as I know refusing a permit for them could likely make the business owners go elsewhere. But nonetheless, in any way, shape, or form, this type of business should be literally outlawed.

Please do your due diligence and research.

Sincerely, Frances Garcia

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From: elisabethft@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elisabeth Tyndall
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:15:43 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Planner Robert Kirschmann,

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When domestic household pets, are bred in these large scale operations, they are not given adequate socialization and they are often not given the level of veterinary care and testing required for consistent and high quality breeding practices. The result is that the puppies born in such facilities show more signs of behavioral issues such as fear and aggression when they are placed in family homes. Additionally, the parent dogs often suffer in small kennels for most of their lives and are either killed or given to rescues when they are retired from breeding — further contributing to the burden taken on by local rescues and shelters.

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I ask you to please consider the concerns of your residents and take each and every one of those concerns as seriously as you take the desires of this one resident to establish a facility that is not welcome by our community.

Thank you for your attention!

Sincerely,
Ms Elisabeth Tyndall
3940 Via Palma De Cristo Sierra Vista, AZ 85650-8222
elisabethft@gmail.com
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From: Elisabeth Tyndall
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Mason Breeding Facility
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:07:52 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

To Whom it may concern,
I am writing to state that I am not in support of a domestic animal breeding facility in Cochise County. Animal breeding facilities are often cruel and focus only on profit. As a person that has adopted rescue pets all my life I know that there are always more than enough dogs and cats available at local shelters. Designer dogs and other animals from breeding facilities are often genetically damaged due to inbreeding. My parents have adopted several German Shepherds from rescues that only lived for several years due to their deformities from breeders. In fact, one German Shepherd the rescued was used as a breeding female and was bred despite a known heart defect. When the breeder no longer found her profitable she was dumped at a high kill shelter. Because of the lack of socialization and care in her early years this dog was unable to live with just any family and required constant care.
Our Shelters and Rescues in Cochise County are already full of dogs and cates that need a home, as are Shelters in the entire Southern part of Arizona. It would be irresponsible to create more animals just for profit. I ask that the County deny Mason's application for a breeding facility. It will not bring the jobs and industry much needed in Cochise County, it will only bring more animals to tax our already full shelters.

Elisabeth Tyndall
Sierra Vista, AZ

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From: Marilyn Saul
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Meeting Date May 12, 2021; Agenda Item SU21-14 (Mason)
Date: Saturday, April 24, 2021 9:37:23 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

My parcel #s: 117-06-03308; 122-05-15607

I have numerous concerns about operating an AKC dog and exotic cat breeding facility in Elfrida. There needs to be transparency on the part of the owners in regard to letting potential buyers on-site to view whether the dogs/cats are being properly maintained and that this facility is NOT a puppy mill. The owners' admission that they will be employing bark collars (electrically charged aparati that are inhumane and injurious to a dog's temperament) MUSt be addressed. What guarantee is there that the dogs will be let outside their kennels into an appropriately shaded and hospitable environment - monitoring? independent observers to check on the welfare of the animals? How many years do they intend to breed their female dogs? Will there be breaks in the breeding/birthiing routines where the "breeders" can regain their health? Will there be positive interaction with the breeders and puppies to ensure they are emotionally enriched and adoptable as people-friendly dogs? How far away is veterinarian service in the event of birthing issues, especially among English Bulldogs? What are the credentials of the proposed operators of this facility who claim previous breeding experience? What standards do the proposed owners use to ensure proper behavioral and mental stimulation for their captive animals? In short, how do you ensure this will not be or become a puppy mill, which, without proper care and attention to each individual animal, is inhumane? Please request TRANSPARENCY from the applicants and ensure that proper authorities will have access to the proposed facility to ensure the well-being of its inhabitants. Thank you. Marilyn B. Saul (nee Samore).

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From: Lisa Hardin
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: NO to dog breeder
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 8:17:24 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

We have so, so many strays now and no place to house them. We don't even have a centralized animal shelter. Please do not approve this permit.

Thank you
Lisa Hardin

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From: Mary Moran
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: OPPOSED TO: Docket SU21-14 (Mason)
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 8:11:59 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr Kirschmann, i am absolutely opposed to this proposed animal breeding facility in Elfrida. "Puppy Mills" like this who place profit above care of their animals do not belong in Cochise County. There are too many stray dogs/cats overcrowding our animal shelters.
In strong opposition,
Mary Moran
Animal Shelter volunteer
520 216 8701

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From: Rebecca
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Proposed puppy mill in Elfrida
Date: Saturday, April 24, 2021 8:00:05 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

It is my opinion that the applicant for the dog/cat breeding facility in Elfrida, AZ, has not provided any information regarding the welfare of the animals they intend to breed and sell. This raises the concern that the breeder is focusing on the business profits rather than the safety and health of the animals under their care. By all appearances, the breeder seems to be hoping to open a facility in a remote location, red flag, so as to avoid attention from regulators who don't often visit the area. Additionally, the applicant states they are previous owners of such facilities yet provides no references or business names for confirmation. Red flag #2. Flag #3 is that the breeder indicates they will not allow anyone into the facility but that buyers must meet offsite. What is there to hide if they are not guilty of any wrongdoing? Anyone desiring to restrict access to their facilities is highly likely to be doing something wrong. How often will they be inspected/regulated?

As for the welfare of the animals, the fact that the owner has indicated they will use bark collars to prevent abundant noise is completely unethical. A bark collar is a training device that is only to be used during times when the owner is actively present and training an animal for behavior modification. It is never intended to be used as a long-wear punishment for undesirable behavior. The bark collar manufacturer even states this in their material and all responsible owners and trainers know this. This is extremely concerning as the breeder is outright stating they intend to use harmful practices on their animals. Please don't let this happen!!

Please request further proof and documentation as to the proposed breeder's experience and methods of practice. Address such issues as shade for non-native animals living in the unforgiving desert environment; health and safety measures to be taken by breeder to ensure the health and safety of all their animals while at the facility and during delivery; nutrition, mental stimulation and development, and exercise programs for the animals. Each of these needs must be met adequately or the animals will not develop naturally, in good health and with proper temperaments. What good is a breeder who sells damaged animals to buyers who then have to deal with insecure, stressed, under-socialized animals who unwittingly cause problems for their owners and the public because of improper care. Also animals who may be suffering from preventable health issues due to improper care during their formative period?

I love animals and have often considered becoming a breeder, however, I am fully aware that an animal, just like a human, cannot develop properly with food alone. It must be loved, shown affection, trained to get along with others from the start and given proper nurturing to develop a healthy independent personality. Without these things, any animal or human will suffer developmentally. All of these things take time and dedication to provide. A team of 6 people working together could not adequately provide proper care for all the animals in a 40+ animal breeding facility, let alone two people as the applicant indicates. Please do not allow the desire to make money overrule the welfare of innocent animals.

Rebecca Moore

Email: cmorandbec@cox.net
Phone: (520)234-4729

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From: Chari Poteet
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Puppy mill
Date: Saturday, April 24, 2021 5:54:47 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Please do not allow a puppy mill to be built in Elfreida!! There are enough dogs in shelters for everyone who wants to love a dog can get one. Constantly breeding is harmful to the mother and produces substandard pups!! And why can't the public come on site? Obviously things are to be hidden. This is no different than what Michael Vick harbored! It's all cruelty to animals and do we really want Arizona to be in the public eye with this cruelty again?

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April 26, 2021

Jennifer Liebertz
PO Box 113
McNeal, AZ 85617

Planning and Zoning Commission
Robert Kirschmann, Planner II
126 West 5th Street, Suite 4
Benson, AZ 85602

Dear Planning and Zoning Commissioners:

I am opposed to Special Use Permit for the AKC dog and exotic cat breeding facility in Elfrida.

This plan sounds like a large-scale puppy mill, which will put a strain on this rural area's already limited resources. With our local animal shelters and rescues being overburdened with unwanted animals, this is an irresponsible business plan.

Additionally, Mr. Mason's plan does not appear well researched. Questions that need to be answered include:

1. Has he contacted a vet who will work with him and be on call for emergencies?
2. Why is his facility closed to potential buyers?
3. Will he be able to find employees in a rural area to work at such a large-scale facility?
4. Does he have a background in breeding?
5. What does he plan to do with puppies and kittens that he is not able to sell?
6. What will he do with retired breeding females and males?
7. Are the neighbors aware of the noise issues that will arise from a large breeding facility?

It is my hope that the Commission will vote against this Special Use Permit.

Sincerely,

J. Liebertz

Jennifer Liebertz
Tax Parcel Number: 40432045

From: Wynn Wasinger
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Re: Proposed puppy and cat breeding facility in Elfrida
Date: Saturday, April 24, 2021 2:55:35 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

BAN THE SALE OF PUPPY MILL DOGS IN PET STORES AND ONLINE!
For more information visit
https://l.antigena.com/l/hoGNbSvnAuANbKPpXagxUyvt5Mj99_vMrM6SWu5uKK25exxx9o4kQGhM4Ek0hRJe8Z40ZxprVFblg5DvOun2FLOvz8i5vt6KrFbItYll-dhzjxytiq1EjWvB

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 24, 2021, at 2:49 PM, Wynn Wasinger <wwasinger01@aol.com> wrote:

Mr Chance Mason's application for a large scale animal breeding facility should be declined.
A facility of this size could not be capable of giving individual care to each animal.
You can call it whatever you want but it is a Puppy Mill.
Puppy Mills are animal breeding operations that exist to make a profit.
A Responsible Breeder's first goal is improving the breed both conformation wise an health wise.
Things that are important to consider are:
1. Can buyers visit the facility?
2. Will puppies be shipped without meeting potential owners?
3. Will puppies be sold on line or in pet stores?
4. What socialization plans for puppies?
5. How will the breeding stock be cared for?

And importantly our severe summers cannot be healthy for the dogs...especially English Bulldogs who have inherent breathing problems.
I just see this as an embarrassment for Cochise County.

Please decline this application.

Wynn Wasinger
7443 E Navigator Ln
Tucson, AZ 85756
520-663-1346

BAN THE SALE OF PUPPY MILL DOGS IN PET STORES AND ONLINE!
For more information visit
https://l.antigena.com/l/hoGNbSvnAuANbKPpXagxUyvt5Mj99_vMrM6SWu5uKK25exxx9o4kQGhM4Ek0hRJe8Z40ZxprVFblg5DvOun2FLOvz8i5vt6KrFbItYll-dhzjxytiq1EjWvB

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From: jillscherer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jill Scherer
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:08:47 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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Sincerely,
Mrs Jill Scherer
39807 N Majesty Trl Anthem, AZ 85086-1714
jillscherer@hotmail.com
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From: puppymillfreeaz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nicole Galvan
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 8:54:38 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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Sincerely,
Ms. Nicole Galvan
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From: P J Bouillon
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: CORRECTION Mason Special Use Permit Request
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:46:09 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr. Kirschmann

I want to make a correction to my letter. There is a *Dog Run* not kennels on the west side of the Masons' house. And honestly, if the Masons do not take to the idea of diminishing their breeding numbers or a masonry wall, we would still give them the okay for their permit just to maintain "peace in the valley" so to speak. We would hope that they would honor the suggestions of their neighbors for the same reasons.

Sincerely, Phyllis Claire & Rothwell Bouillon

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From: P J Bouillon <claire91321@yahoo.com>
To: Kirschmann Robert <rkirschmann@cochise.az.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021, 02:04:56 PM MST
Subject: Chance Mason Special Use Permit Request

Dear Mr. Kirschmann,

Thank you for talking with me this morning in regard to the Mason dog and cat breeding permit -- Docket SU21-14 (Masons Meowers and Barkers Breedery LLC

We want to be good neighbors and have an amicable relationship with the Masons. And we would hope they feel the same as indicated by our meeting with them. After reviewing and pondering the situation at great length, we have finally come to some resolution on the points that we find most disturbing.

Concern #1: The 40 breeding dogs is a very excessive amount of animals and multiply that by their litters and the number is huge. Nuisance barking is inevitable and will only be compounded with the large number of dogs. This is not the Masons' primary source of income. It is a sideline for them, and as such we see no reason why they could not reduce the size of there breeding stock to something more acceptable.

Resolution: We ask the Masons to reduce the number of breeding dogs to 10.

Concern #2: The cat breeding is also a concern as we have a large feral cat problem in this area. Escapee cats are inevitable as cats are very good at this regardless of good intentions/practices and they will, obviously, not have been neutered. While the types are being limited to 2, the number of breeding cats needs to be stated also.

Resolution: We ask the Masons to keep the maximum number of breeding cats to 3 of each of the two types of cats.

Concern #3: Our property is adjacent to the Masons where there are kennels on the west side of their house and we would want more of a barrier between that section of our properties.

Resolution: We think a masonry wall between the kennels and our property line with trees would mitigate

the issue.

If the Masons agree to the above resolutions and enforce all the items they outlined in the letter dated 3/10/21 (which the Pennellas said they sent you a copy of) we would not object to the issuance of the Masons' Special Use Permit. So, yes we support their request if the above stated is upheld.

Thank you,

Phyllis Claire and Rothwell Bouillon
Tax parcel number: 40136006H

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From: Tammy Thies
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Comment on Docket SU21-14 (Mason),
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:28:25 AM
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CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

I am commenting on Docket SU21-14 (Mason), parcel number 401-36-003A to be considering during the May 12, 2021 meeting of the Cochise County Planning and Zoning Commission.

I am strongly OPPOSED to Mr. Chance Mason's application to the Cochise County Board of Supervisors to establish an exotic cat breeding facility for breeding Savannah hybrid cats among others.

As the Founder and Executive Director of The Wildcat Sanctuary, one of the country's largest and most reputable accredited sanctuaries for exotic cats, I have extensive experience and expertise dealing with hybrid cats including Savannah Cats (Savannah cats are the unnatural result of breeding domestic cats with wild African Serval cats) for the last 20 years.

It is my professional opinion that hybrid cats should never be bred and sold as pets. Hybrids such as Savannah cats do not make good pets. I receive numerous calls each year from hybrid owners who are desperate to get rid of their designer "pets" after the cat has displayed various wild behaviors that are natural for them to have. These undesirable behaviors include aggression toward children and other pets, howling, refusal to use litter boxes, repeated escape attempts, biting and scratching.

Hybrids also suffer from serious health issues such as chronic diarrhea, retinal atrophy, mouth lesions, and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. And if they escape the home, they can cause havoc on the environment as they are expert hunters and extremely difficult to capture. Many states and municipalities outlaw possession of Savannah cats and other hybrids due to this issue.

Most buyers of hybrid cats have no idea what they are getting themselves into until AFTER they have purchased the cat and find out about the unappealing behavioral and expensive health issues they will have to deal with. There is no legitimate reason to breed hybrid cats and Cochise County should not allow this breeding facility to operate.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thies, Founder & Executive Director
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From: Brittany LeAnn
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Docket su21-14(mason)
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:42:30 PM

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Good afternoon,

This email is in regards to the proposed breeding facility.

I am strongly against this being brought to our county. We are already struggling with keeping shelters open and funded for the dogs who already exist. This facility will do nothing but increase the amount of animals on the streets, both inadvertently and directly.

Not to mention the abuse these animals will suffer.

Please turn this down!!!!

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From: Ginny Francis
To: Kirschmann, Robert; Coxworth, Daniel
Subject: Elfrida puppy mill - Docket SU21-14
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 6:07:08 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Gentlemen:

I am absolutely opposed to the proposed animal breeding facility in Elfrida.

Puppy Mills do it for the money and not the love of animals. There are too many homeless animals in our shelters that need good, loving, forever homes.

I am absolutely against this.

Thank you.

Ginny Francis
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From: Carole Baskin
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Exotic hybrid cats are cruelly bred & almost never work out as pets
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 7:45:30 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Robert Kirschmann,

Re: Docket # SU21-14

I read, with disgust, that Chance and Jennifer Mason & Donald Asher are petitioning to build a puppy mill and to make matters, much, much worse they say they plan to breed Savannah cats. I've been rescuing exotic cats since 1978 and when someone tells you they don't want to have buyers visit their facility, you can pretty much be assured it's because no one would buy from them if they saw the abysmal conditions. That's how almost all puppy and kitten mills work. Row after row of over crowded, emotionally disturbed, wretched creatures are not an asset to the county and destroys the value of neighboring properties.

If you don't know how Savannah cats are bred, it is by breeding African servals, a cat similar to a cheetah, that weighs 35-45 pounds to domestic cats weighing 8-15 pounds. Servals would rather eat cats than mate with them, so many cats die in the process.

The kittens often have to be taken surgically as the babies are often larger than either species. Domestic cats come cheap to these breeders, as they are not purebreds themselves, so they are considered by hybrid breeders to be disposable.

Add to that the fact that the surviving kittens; because they are so hard to produce, will sell for $10,000 - $17,000 and they grow up to be wild and spray urine all over everything, you are then likely to have many complaints as to the fraudulent marketing of such cats.

Just the very fact that these backyard breeders would consider such a cruel money making scheme should make clear they should not be allowed to breed and exploit domestic dogs and cats either. For more details on the horrors told by purchasers of exotic hybrid cats please visit https://l.antigena.com/l/uQS9AEiPwP6BWGmq7VuN6L6t2P--RXSK4uo-JnwkzZ4C~IOSXdcbY_nsljFyYyUpg~GyuDV-MDWtSe4siLxU41jO_wW68XjbpdOkSc1G~PX8irtAxLAZCuk-B1r27Xl

Thank you for your consideration. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any further questions.

For the cats,

Carole Baskin, CEO of Big Cat Rescue

P.S. Remember to choose https://l.antigena.com/l/r7GZ5JVxtVVPCt0ZpFLq921VmwVc4DZCUsgY6MbEI9X8EdSksgqevn0A-wBnwwYUQAnxxfIsCMCxfJxzg4qVOaAFdc5EOxLUE8txT_t2ZWhcLcYjyiU and Big Cat Rescue as your charity so that Amazon will donate .5 percent of your shopping dollars to the cats AT NO COST TO YOU!!!

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To: Kirschmann, Robert
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From: jlanderson0402@everyactioncustom.com <jlanderson0402@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 2:02 AM
To: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill

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From: McLachlan, Christine
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: FW: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:11:55 PM

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Special Use Docket SU21-14 (Mason)

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Please state your reasons:

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_X_ **NO**, I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS REQUEST:
Please state your reasons:

Please refer to my Letter, attached.

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(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

PRINT NAME(S): Peggy Ann Gattis

SIGNATURE(S): Peggy Ann Gattis

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YOUR TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 20521004F (the eight-digit identification number found on the tax statement from the Assessor's Office)

Your comments will be made available to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Submission of this form or any other correspondence becomes part of the public record and is available for review by the applicant or other members of the public. Written comments must be received no later than **5 PM on April 26, 2021** to be included in the staff report to the Planning Commission. However, comments received by 5PM the day before the meeting will be noted at that meeting.

RETURN TO: Robert Kirschmann, Planner II
Cochise County Development Services
126 West 5th Street, Suite 4
Benson, AZ 85602

April 25,2021

Dear Mr.Kirschmann,

I am writing this letter to show my opposition to The Mason Breeding Facility,
"Masons Meowers and Barkers Breedery LLC at 4333 W Dillman Road in Elfrida, AZ. 85610.

1. I believe a complete background check should be done on Chance Mason, Jennifer Hite Mason and Donald Ray Asher; both a Nationwide search as well as a State wide search. Both criminal backgrounds and civil. Perhaps after taking a long, hard look at their history, they May not be suited to run a "breeder".
One simple phone call to the Cochise County Sheriff's Office by personnel at Planning and Zoning, Is all it takes.
2. What qualifications do ANY of the 3 applicants have to run a successful "breedery" ?
3. Who is their Veterinarian on staff , 24/7 to care for all ages of dogs and cats including OB/GYN issues?
4. Who is their Staff for general daily care 24/7? Backgrounds on them?
5. Where is the Plan for a Crematorium or proper, humane disposal of dead animals?
6. I called Sulphur Springs Sanitation, who Chance has listed on his Application. They did not know they were listed; are not willing to take dumpsters of feces or dead bodies.
7. I called Mule Mountain Pest Control. While these people are clients, again they knew nothing of a future business and guaranteed they will need more than fly control!
8. I called the other businesses listed on their Application, none having knowledge of a future Business.
9. Who is funding the two 30x100, 3000 square foot buildings with overhang and outdoor runs?
10. Who is providing concrete?
11. Who is doing the Climate Control System? There is no heating information. They will need fans For ventilation and A/C for AZ weather.
12. They need heated floors as well as drains.
13. There are NO individual doors from the indoor to outdoor run area.
14. They write of only using 100 gallons of water per day. This with providing fresh water to each Animal at all times; cleaning runs, cleaning kennels, cleaning food and water bowls, cleaning animals. By the way this should all be done at least twice a day!
15. Where is the OB Ward and Nursery facility???
16. Where do they quarantine sick animals???
17. How do they plan to Sanitize the buildings and bowls? Everything needs to be cleaned, disinfected and DRY before an animal goes back in.
18. Are both buildings exactly the same? Is one canine and one feline?
19. Are there security cameras inside and outside? Security guards with the expensive animals they are planning for? Security lights inside and outside?
20. 18 , 10x10 pens: bathing station with trainer and groomer onsite?; food storage climate controlled?

ANIMAL WELFARE QUESTIONS: a female dog is called a bitch, not a dam.

1. Who does and when does Genetic testing get done on all animals, all species?
2. At what age do you begin breeding?
3. At what age do you stop breeding? Do you plan to sell meat to Mexico or China or other third world countries?
4. What do you do with all retired animals?

5. What vaccinations are provided to what ages/how often are they re-vaccinated?/Heartworm plan?
6. Are all chipped?
7. What are you charging for puppies/adults? Kittens/adults/retired animals?
8. What other breeds are you moving on to, since you brought it up?
9. What kind of Corgi is being bred? Cardigans or Pembroke?

They do have spinal issues and need to be genetically tested for DM, etc; skin issues.
They are herders and barkers, how do you humanely plan to control that?

10. Boxers have Brachycephalic issues. Medical plan?
11. English Bull Dogs are terribly inbred. Suffer from Brachycephalic issues and need C-sections OFTEN. Medical Plan?
12. With out proper ventilation and cleaning, there will be heat, dirt and fumes from feces. Plan for that?
13. Savannah cats are LOUD and eat raw meat. How do you plan on handling that?
14. Werewolf cats too, are loud and meat eaters. Again, plans?

SUPPLIES:

1. What kind of food is planned? Not one size fits all for your breed choices ages or work you want them to do for you.
2. Vaccination types/wormers/heartworm checks and meds/
3. Food bowls/ mats/blankets/ bottles and milk replacer
4. Where are weaned puppies and kittens going to stay?

No people on scene? Why? With expensive, exotic animals people will want to visit and even pick out their animals.
USDA Inspectors as well as Cochise County Inspectors are MANDATORY visitors.

This is very concerning to me. I am not in favor of this "breedery", which is NOT a word.
Nor should this be approved in Cochise County, AZ.

Respectfully yours,

Peggy Gattis

Peggy Gattis
Parcel number 205210004F
Phone number (520) 507-6169

From: Peggy Gattis
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Social media comments from Chance Mason,etc
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 6:04:51 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Good Morning Mr. Kirschmann,

I just want you to be aware of comments on social media from Chance Mason and some female named Courtney Scofield to Jenn Demchuk and myself.

It appears Jennifer Mason trolls through different FB Sites looking for what is being said regarding their Application.
She then tags Chance and he responds.
In fact, he drones on.
They were on Elfrida Rocks and AZ Rescue and Jenn's page last night.
Jenn's internet is down and her phone is working sporadically right now. She sent a post out letting people both personally and on her Rescue Site, Monday night reflecting that.
So I commented to Chance that very thing. I also commented to his judgemental comment, that since he does not want to be judged, so please don't judge us. He responded fairly well, then sent another comment to me. I did not respond, nor will I.
Chance seems angry there is a " process" in place by Cochise County he has to follow.
He is angry there are peers against him similar to a jury...

Then Courtney Scofield chimed in we should stop " the lynching" of Chance. It appears she was from WA State and may have ties to Donald Ray Asher, another person on their Application. He lived and allegedly served time in OR and WA.

The Administrator for Elfrida Rocks stopped comments. I requested AZ Rescue Dogs do the same.

We all have the First Amendment and our County has a Process and certain rules. That is good.

I just wanted you to be aware of the neighbor conflict that may arise between the Applicants and the Demchuk's.

I am planning on coming to the Public Hearing May 12 at 4 pm. I would like to request to speak. I do not plan on speaking to either Mason or Asher now or then. I will monitor Social Media, but not respond.

Thank you for reading all of this.

Respectfully yours,
Peggy Gattis
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From: jcfred@jcdx2.com
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Cc: Judd, Peggy
Subject: May 12, 2021 docket SU21-14 (Mason)
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:56:12 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Docket SU21-14 (Mason) The Applicant requests Special Use Authorization to establish an AKC dog and exotic cat breeding(animal husbandry) facility.

I am expressing concern with the proposed facility. The county does not have, and has not had a local/centralized county shelter since Huachuca City/County closed in December 2018. As a result animals are transported to either Douglas or Willcox. Neither facility is equipped for the influx of animals, and as a result the euthanize rate may well have increased.

By adding 'exotic' cats, unknown whether these are large breed or small breed, the county has a responsibility to be able to care for these animals should adopters relinquish, or should the facility be unable to care for said animals. Is the county prepared to do so….I would conclude they are not.

AKC dogs are beautiful, but perhaps bred for looks and not brains ☺. What happens to the additional animals that do not meet standards? Again the county might well be considered the 'solution' through a shelter, which again they do not have.

I would urge caution and confirmation from the Board that they are willing and able to house perhaps an additional 100+ animals including 'exotics cats' with no negative impact to (a) the animals, (b) the two small facilities and (c) the taxpaying public.

Thank you in advance,

Jere Fredenburgh
South Sierra Vista
Cochise County
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"*He who would trade liberty for some temporary security, deserves neither liberty nor* security." Ben Franklin

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From: Lisa Hardin
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Re: NO to dog breeder
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:31:07 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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1330 E Adams Rd

Huachuca City, AZ85616

On 4/26/2021 10:35 AM, Kirschmann, Robert wrote:
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> Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 8:17 AM
> To: Kirschmann, Robert <RKirschmann@cochise.az.gov>
> Subject: NO to dog breeder
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From: Ed Surowiec
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Special Use Authorization for Mason, Docket SU21-14
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 5:03:10 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr. Kirschmann,
At this time, I am against a special use authorization for Mr. Mason to create a breeding facility in Cochise County. (Docket SU21-14, hearing on May 12, 2021). I have questions about this operation and believe there is a high likelihood that already strained resources of the county will have to pick up the pieces when things go bad. Here are some of my questions.

1. What is Mr. Mason's experience with breeding dogs and cats, especially such a large number?
2. What is Mr. Mason's plan for emergency vet care for the large number of proposed breeding animals?
3. What is Mr. Mason's plan for medical facilities since English Bulldogs have an almost 90% rate of requiring C-sections during birthing?

Veterinary resources are not plentiful in this county nor is there an emergency vet in Cochise County. In addition, reputable breeders welcome inspection of their facilities. This facility will not allow customers on site. That is a big red flag that this facility will put profit above animal welfare. Again, please deny this special use authorization.

Ed Surowiec
6677 E. Gunpowder Trail
Hereford AZ, 85615
104-54-026A and 104-54-027A

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To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 5:06:14 PM

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As a professional in the animal welfare field who is also a member of the ASPCA Rescue and Response team, I can tell you from first hand experience working countless puppy mill cases and having been on scene of many, they are cruel, inhumane and ripe with problems by design. There are too many animals already in our over stressed local shelters. We don't need this here.

Thank you for your attention!

Sincerely,

Miss Sarah Taylor
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From: opalbutterfly143@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Heather Robinson
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
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From: Devshan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shannon Glaser
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 7:50:42 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: griffinconsult19@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brian Smargiassi
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 1:31:38 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: bluehlr24@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cate Champion
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 7:45:40 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: cyndar28@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cynthia Aspengren
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 7:53:00 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: fimpy1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Allyson Alberty
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:10:00 AM

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From: koren@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Koren Sherrick
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:32:57 AM

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From: Linda Jean
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Puppy Mills
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:51:56 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

I am opposed to puppy mills and the mass breeding of dogs. It is an unhealthy and cruel environment for "man's best friend." Many puppies end up sick or interbred over many generations and end up with health issues. We should not be promoting puppy mills. Many areas of the country have banned the sale of them in pet stores. There is an obvious reason for that. We should be promotional instead the adoption of dogs through local animal shelters and rescues. Puppy mills glut the market with too many dogs that reduce the chance of shelter dogs getting adopted.
We need to consider the negative impact of puppy mills, their inherent cruelty and costs.

Linda Dugan
Tucson AZ
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From: harleylover7080@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Verna Flores
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 9:34:40 AM

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From: Patrick.haran0411@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patrick Haran
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
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From: lula@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kelly Overacker
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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From: 2012gunther.rr@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Becky Young
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 9:52:14 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: azthirstylizard@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Pamela Cohen
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:06:29 AM

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From: eebriggz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Edward Briggs
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:08:36 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: mmaack2011@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melissa Maack
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:13:39 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: kelly.galligan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kelly Galligan
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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From: Gecjburton@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Candace Seal
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:19:05 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: twoblmburros@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sheryl Geis
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:26:48 AM

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From: szdrum@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Suzanne Drum
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:42:50 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: marciaburney@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marcia Burney
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:52:03 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: fuchsimwalde@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Monika Fuchs
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 9:29:29 AM

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From: Bisbeecraftschool@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Schumacher
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:05:47 AM

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To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:01:48 AM

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Subject: FW: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:55:10 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:26 AM
To: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill

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From: Patricia Fleming
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Opposition to Special Use application - Elfrida - Breeding Project
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 2:14:11 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr. Kirschman,

I've read the application, and am very concerned because there are just way too many unanswered questions, e.g., which veterinarian is in the close proximity to Elfrida in case of emergencies, why didn't the application list their own address at the top of the application, and more. The applicants leave way too many questions unanswered.

What have the neighbors nearest the proposed buildings had to say about this Special Use project?

The proposal is to grow the project into a large-scale breeding operation just like the establishments these specific breed clubs warn against. This kind of business is not what is needed anywhere, let alone in rural Cochise County.

You'll certainly be hearing from many Cochise County residents, as well as residents in neighboring counties, asking you to not allow this type of business in our community.

Please get the questions and concerns of those responding answered, and I'm trusting, and hoping, you reject this application.

Thank you for your attention and consideration in accordance with my, and others', concerns!

Respectfully,

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From:	Allison Baidel
To:	Kirschmann, Robert
Subject:	Regards to Elfrida resident Chance Mason requesting build permit for dog breeding kennels and cat breeding enclosures
Date:	Tuesday, April 27, 2021 2:28:53 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr Kirschmann,

This is in regards to a Mr Chance Mason's requested build permit. The owner plans on breeding corgis, boxers, and English bulldogs along with two exotic cat breeds, possibly Savannah cats and werewolf cats. He has stated that he is not planning a puppy mill though mentions nothing in how he is different from a puppy mill. The kennels in the plan are large and there is outside area. However, please read on.

There are a lot of red flags that are concerning to me regarding this facility and its likelihood of being a puppy mill. I am a Cochise County resident and I plead with you to not allow this permit.

One thing I am consistently seeing throughout all the local groups is a misunderstanding of what a puppy mill is. A puppy mill is a breeding kennel (large or small) that places profit over the welfare of the animals. We are all used to seeing the large scale puppy mills on tv that have been exposed, where every animal is living in its own filth. Not all puppy mills fit that stereotype. And that's what I'm afraid this is.

My Concerns/Questions:
1. Buyers will not be allowed on property. Local buyers will be met off-site. This is a clear sign of a disreputable breeder with something to hide, why? Buyers should be allowed to see where their puppies are being raised during the first few key weeks of their lives. Profit before welfare.

2. Puppies will be shipped sight unseen to buyers. Nothing is stated about what the requirements are to purchase a puppy, except money. In addition, two of the breeds are brachycephalic making shipping hazardous to their health. Profit before Welfare.

3. To rectify barking, bark collars will be utilized. Incessant barking is a sign of stress, anxiety, and boredom. Training and providing enriching mental stimulation (all effective at keeping the noise down) was not mentioned just the bark collar. Again, placing profit before welfare.

4. On the site plan, outside areas are indicated that they will be used for the animals to have exercise. What is the guarantee the animals will be allowed out of their kennels, without people allowed on site to see? No plan to provide solid shade was indicated on the site plan. Is there temporary or natural shade in the outside areas? Again, two of the breeds are Brachycephalic making the heat in southern AZ a health hazard. Profit before welfare.

5. While they plan to start with a lower number of breeders (6), they do plan to increase that number up to 40 breeding females. At what age do they plan on retiring their females? What will happen to the retired females? Behavioral wellness research of commercial kennels shows retired breeding females are over 40% at risk of transition issues when rehomed. That number is astronomical. And that would be because even in a best case scenario, it is hard to meet the behavioral wellness needs of a large number of kenneled animals over weeks or months, much less years, especially with no employees or extra help and just the two owners and maybe in the future other employees. Just ask all the shelter staff and volunteers in the area. Profit before welfare.

6. Regarding the ethics of breeding English Bulldogs on a large scale, what OFA health testing is being done prior to breeding? Around 90% of English bulldogs require c-sections. They can be in distress in as little as 30 minutes. This area is quite low on the number of veterinarians. There is no emergency vet in Cochise County. And on call mobile vets cannot guarantee they can arrive that quickly in this very rural area. There are no medical facilities in the plan. Profit before Welfare.

7. Corgi's are a working herding breed and can be very drivey requiring a certain balance of physical and mental stimulation. There is nothing to indicate that these needs will be met on the plan or in the letter to the neighbors. Profit before Welfare.

8. He claims long-time experience as a breeder. What is his previous track record? He did not provide his previous kennels information. Why?

9. No plans given to address behavioral and mental stimulation of both the breeding animals and the puppies/ kittens. The first weeks of a puppy or wildcat crossbreed's life are key in emotional development. They go through their first fear periods with the breeder. How they handle that is key to the lifelong well-being of the animals. The use of puppy raising programs are fairly standard amongst reputable, responsible breeders. Why not share that information unless not planning on using them? Profit before welfare.

10. Regarding the cats, all of the above reasons apply as far as shade needed, plenty of exercise and no plans for mental or behavioral stimulation.

That's a number of instances that I can think of, where profit is being placed before the welfare of the animals. Indicating to me, that this is a puppy mill in the making.

This is sickening to think this would even be an option to allow this person to proceed.

Please consider all of the above red flags and do your duty to not allow this horrific practice to continue in our county. Shut it down.

Signed,
A very concerned citizen,
Allison Gardull

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From: jliebertz1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Liebertz
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:25:02 PM

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From: jennydruckman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of J.Druckman
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:31:54 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Planner Robert Kirschmann,

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From: labczech@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sarah Czech
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:36:59 PM

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Thank you for your attention! Sarah Czech

Sincerely,
Miss Sarah Czech
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From: patriciaakeo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of patricia akeo
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:41:03 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: mistybriseno@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Misty Briseno
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:42:17 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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Sincerely,
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From: suncountryranch@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Debra Bohnsack
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:50:38 PM

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This will be very bad advertising for Cochise county. People will not want to spend their money where this is allowed. I am one of those people too.

Debra Bohnsack

Sincerely,
Ms. Debra Bohnsack
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From: lincaster@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Lancaster
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:51:35 PM

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From: Teresa.l.clark@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Teresa Clark
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:52:55 PM

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From: tambosse72@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tammy Bosse
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:54:13 PM

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From: janettoepfer19@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Janet Toepfer
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:56:11 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: tamraspringer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tamra Springer
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:58:01 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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There are many dogs available for adoption and breeding only increases euthanasia and abuse to the breeding animals. What the USDA considers adequate is not and animals are for companionship and not money making.. Thank you for your attention!

Sincerely,
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From: bluechromis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lisa Olsen
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 1:02:12 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: courtney.j.adcock@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Courtney Adcock
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 1:16:39 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: terri_mccutchan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Terri McCutchan
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 2:02:52 PM

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From: tfbjuliette@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Juliette Beaumont
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
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From: compassion2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Pottorff
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 2:26:17 PM

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From: meggerhart347@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Megan Gerhart
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 2:27:44 PM

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From: allisonbaidel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tony Gardull
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 2:31:07 PM

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All animals deserve dignity and safety and puppy mills provide neither. Please take this all into consideration when looking into the approval of this "breeding kennel".

Thank you for your attention!

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From: pahlefam@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Pahle
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 2:55:16 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: copperlady@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robyn Downey
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:07:45 PM

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From: nataliesaints@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Natalia Durazo
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:09:40 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: azsherry@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sherry Nichols
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:14:56 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: petcarecrazy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shannon Steemke
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:20:02 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: mscarborm73@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melissa Scarborough
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:25:25 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: dananorthey932@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of DANA NORTHEY
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:25:44 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: renncrow@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Diana Corwin
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:35:01 PM

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From: debwood@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Deb Wood
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:38:17 PM

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From: Mandilace.king@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda King
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:39:28 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: khgreenprime@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kyle Green
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:43:25 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Kyle Green

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From: gdinardo48@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gary DiNardo
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 4:12:12 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: Kyleinaz14@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kyle Nickell
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:24:11 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: sdorset1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephanie Dorsett-Scott
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:26:51 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: Krayzmommy98@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tracy Thompson
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:26:56 AM

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From: asboellner@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amalie Boellner
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:35:12 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: enlightenup333@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Staci Newkirk
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:37:10 AM

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From: danmeenach57@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dan Meenach
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:38:43 AM

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From: azdesertrottis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sue Bergier
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:46:47 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: bmcarns@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Madasyn Carns
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:58:11 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: elizabethlucarini@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elizabeth Hunt-Lucarini
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:00:13 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: freibertsuzan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Suzan Freibert
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:04:52 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: luvlanajean@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of GENEVIEVE L TROMBLEY
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:09:42 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: lisahead@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lisa Head
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:12:20 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: tedweller@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ted Weller
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:16:12 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: leah.dimaria@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leah VonHauger-DiMaria
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:16:16 PM

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From: suzilist@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Suzanne List
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:18:21 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: mollyrachet@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Molly Harrico
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:20:06 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: charla.henney@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charla Henney
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:22:04 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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This establishment is going to be a puppy mill, plain and simple. 40 breeding female dogs can produce 500-800 puppies PER YEAR, and the only way to handle that volume is by keeping the animals in tiny cages and not giving them adequate exercise or medical care.

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From: optimohatworks@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephen Sergott
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:24:40 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: sashatorrez@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sasha Torrez
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 4:22:56 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: stacigildersleeve@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anastasia Gildersleeve
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 4:42:31 PM

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From: Jackidienno@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of jacki dienno
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 4:47:36 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: gutze@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brenda Giberson
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 4:53:59 PM

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From: ramblerkat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathleen Nash
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 5:06:36 PM

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From: bizypawz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of sara sturz
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 4:40:42 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: aprilwatersss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of April Waters
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 5:19:36 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: joanne.brayden@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joanne Brayden
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 5:22:29 PM

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From: Blackydonaz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lisa Dickson
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 5:44:53 PM

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From: princess890831@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Romy Aponte
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 5:46:08 PM

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From: jbrown109@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Esther Gail Brown
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 6:03:41 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: lisehowell35@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lisa Howell
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 6:05:03 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: d.czzowitz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Debra Maffia
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 6:20:53 PM

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From: jenniferkindschi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Kindschi
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 6:24:15 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: docwolf@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bridget Wolf
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 6:28:39 PM

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From: goobergoon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jacqueline Moran
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 6:33:04 PM

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I have volunteered at the shelters throughout our county. There is a never-ending supply of all breeds.we don't need a commercial puppy mill to add to that supply.

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Sincerely,
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From: blackcattucson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alecs Sakta
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Sincerely,
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From: willowrandabee@aol.com
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: New high volume animal breeder coming to Arizona
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 6:43:06 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen in reference to a Mr. Chance Mason's application for a special use authorization (SUA) to build an animal breeding facility..
I understand wanting to never turn away a business, but the costs of this business on the back end are great . Per the Humane Society of America there would be 75 % less dogs in shelters if we didn't have commercial breeders churing out badly bred dogs.

Now about the welfare of the breeding animals....Just a few of my concerns

1. Buyers will not be allowed on property. Local buyers will be met off-site. This is a clear sign of a disreputable breeder with something to hide, why? Buyers should be allowed to see where their puppies are being raised during the first few key weeks of their lives. Profit before welfare.

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these are just of few red flags, No domestic animal should be outside in the heat or held anywhere without temperature control.

Please Please consider the ramifications . To the animals, To the Buyers. To the state of Arizona

sincerely Randy L Willoughby

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From: sw1959@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Scott Whitehouse
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 7:00:40 PM

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From: nestaboo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gary Vella
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 7:15:21 PM

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From: waechterjeannie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeannie Waechter
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 7:18:10 PM

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From: meromo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Romo
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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From: sheenb440@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sheena Brown
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 7:29:02 PM

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From: copperdog2010@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Ambriz
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 7:32:22 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: evalen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of ELVIA MEDEGUARI
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From: nbourke36@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Bourke
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 7:59:32 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: judyalbert825@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Judy Albert
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To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:00:01 PM

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From: stephaniemleiva@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephanie Tufenkjian
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:00:32 PM

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Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:01:50 PM

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To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:12:04 PM

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From: krista1jackson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Krista Northrop
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:22:26 PM

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From: Carol Campbell
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: no permit for "Breeder"
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:24:57 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr. ROBERT KIRSCHMAN

I am sure that you have already received countless letters regarding the gentleman applying for a permit for breeding kennels. Many of the letters have already detailed why such a business is not just a poor idea, but a morally wrong idea. No county should have such a business. Who will inspect? How often. This county...every county has more than they can handle of unloved homeless dogs, cats and other animals. We also do not need escaped exotic cats running around nor dogs. Farm owners with chickens, cattle, or other stock do not want it. The market is already overun with animals. There are a bazillion reasons that there should be no large scale breeding kennel in our county. You have read many already. Please see to it that the permit is not granted. No planning commissioner, board member, county resident,--nobody--wants this burden of dogs and cats being neglected, euthanized, starved, on their minds each day when/if this plan is allowed to proceed. The only person who will benefit is the owner, at a great sacrifice by neighbors, but mostly the sacrifice of animals destined for an inhumane existence. This is not an exaggeration. Please do not bring this catastrophe to cochise county residents and animal control. Thank you

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From: scootinjoy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amy Sullivan
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:25:23 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: sistersilver@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of randy thill
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:28:43 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: campbell120@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donna Campbell
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 9:51:32 PM

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From: Lara Iacobucci
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Puppy Mill in Cochise County
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 9:52:37 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

With dogs put down every 8 seconds,(https://l.antigena.com/l/djkN6OqPpp8D6P-XsGm0s8oeliarq3plmz7J5ogoF5eW5T8uUf33zVoOSKfy8fbDiTqVlPztQWMHpniMoykyr1B4hLpT4VOQFmk~) the last thing we need in Arizona is more dogs. The shelters in Southern Arizona are already overwhelmed. Please say no to this puppy mill.
Yours truly,
Lara Iacobucci
Tucson, AZ

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Liza.Nichole@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Liza Rivera
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:05:15 PM

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From: Gmail
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop The Breeders
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:22:22 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Sir, It is with great concern that I ask Cochise county not to allow the Elfrida dog breeder. We already have many animals at the shelters. Please do not allow these poor dogs to be forcibly breed. We must be their voice. On behalf on my dogs Bronx and Binx and my cats Betty and Bella, thank you for your time and consideration.
Kind regards,
Nanette Romo

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From: slwebster@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stacey Webster
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:23:08 PM

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From: lexy0076@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alex Bustillos
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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From: miclan27@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michelle Harper
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 1:00:13 AM

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From: peggygarrels@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Peggy Garrels
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 2:16:31 AM

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From: cccamino57@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Claire Chaffee
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 2:21:06 AM

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From: forloveofles@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leslie Lambert
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 5:36:06 AM

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From: hzeisel1958@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Heidi Zeisel
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From: Lori999@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lori Gunnell
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 5:54:55 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: radeld21@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dana Radel
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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From: gailseale1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gail Seale
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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From: Annettelking@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Annette King
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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From: mikeeshaya
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Puppy Mill !!
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 6:46:31 AM

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As a resident of Cochise county, I'm against this rezoning request.

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy Phone.

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From: maritza.roqueni@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maritza Roqueni
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 7:02:57 AM

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From: vardawoman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emilie Vardaman
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From: duartele@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Duarte
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 8:06:50 AM

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From: scohen312@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sharon Cohen
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 8:31:27 AM

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From: minafimbres@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mina Fimbres Hanson
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 8:43:38 AM

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From: tdrom10@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Denise Romero
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 8:52:56 AM

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From: spinsal@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sally Spelbring
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 8:58:06 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: patamyrandles@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amy Randles
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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To: Kirschmann, Robert
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From: Patricia Mann
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 9:36:34 AM

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PLEASE stop this inhuman practice. It goes against everything decent. There is NO cause for such behavior. Make this Stop.

Respectfully,
Patricia Mann

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From: McLachlan, Christine
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: FW: Puppy mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 10:01:42 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:34 PM
To: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>
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From: bartaandbill@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barta Barnum
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 10:13:29 AM

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There are thousands of animals euthanized daily. It is unconscionable to have a store that sells puppies. Please do not allow this puppy mill to come to the county, or anywhere in AZ.

Thank you for your attention!

Sincerely,
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From: doriduvall@cox.net
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Special Use Permit for a Breeding Facility in Elfrida - Docket SU21-14 - Mason
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 10:35:43 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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Thank you,
Dori DuVall, Cochise County Resident
2201 Valley Sage St, Sierra Vista, AZ

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From: azarchie42@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cheryl Border
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 10:43:35 AM

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From: yuma1972@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mike Ingram
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 11:28:09 AM

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Do the right thing for the community at large and just reject this breeder's request. No one has a "right" to do business activities that detract from the communities that they operate in. This activity is just that, a detriment to Elfrida and Cochise County.

Sincerely,
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From: Katherine Zellerbach
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Petition against a puppy mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 11:41:51 AM
Attachments: image002.png

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr. Kirschmann,
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Volunteer for Cochise County Search and Rescue

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To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Special Use Permit for Animal Husbandry Facility near Elfrida
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 11:49:05 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Sir:

This Special Use permit should not be issued since it does, in fact, sound like a puppy mill, which Cochise County or anywhere else does not need. There are more than plenty of dogs and cats that are in dire need of homes in this County--just ask anyone in the animal care/shelter/rescue business. I do hope the Cochise County Planning Board does the right thing in May and denies a permit for an animal breeding facility. Cochise County is actively trying to establish a county animal care facility to currently handle it's problem of homeless and unwanted pets--that certainly speaks to the fact that an animal breeding facility is the last thing Cochise County needs.

Thank you for your attention,

Donna and Bill Witschi
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From: neil schiavo
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Special Use permit to build animal husbandry in Elfrida
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 11:58:34 AM

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Please do not approve this special use permit, sounds like a puppy mill that I am strongly opposed to. I moved here from Pa. and saw the many horrible scenes once the state had to get involved in shutting them down. Animals were not cared for and after the state went in many animals were dirty, full of fleas, not well fed and many sick from living in filth that had to be euthanized. Please do not let that happen here, it is easier to deny the use than it is to come in latter and try to rectify the situation, too many animals are hurt, just used for breeding and when they can no longer be used for breeding they are euthanized or neglected & left to die. Animals and our county deserve better than that. Its all about money, nothing else is a concern, I am a true animal lover as many people around here are, pease do not approve this!

Karen Schiavo
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From: pjotzb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paula Banks
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 12:02:17 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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** Puppy-mills have long been recognized, nationwide, as inhumane breeders.

Thank you for your attention!

Sincerely,
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From: daldoglady@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan J Weber
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From: emmyhg42@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Hanson-Germond
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From: Stephen.P.Davis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephen Davis
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 12:44:12 PM

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These are horrible places for any animal — let's not treat dogs so cruelly!

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From: azdesertcalgal@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen McReynolds
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 12:56:31 PM

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From: goldenruler17@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andrew Umphries
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 12:58:34 PM

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From: Denise Cahalan
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Chance Mason application for special use permit
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 11:54:21 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr. Kirschmann:

I am a new resident of Arizona having moved to Oro Valley in September.
I am quickly getting acclimated to the beauty in Arizona.
I generally am all for less interference with individual's business opportunities and support new ventures. However, when I read the application, it concerned me for many reasons:

1) Applicant's negligible experience with this type of business venture given it sounds much like a backyard breeder. The number of employees to manage the business which was indicated as 2 suggests a free for all where the safety of 40 animals is concerned. Veterinary visits once a month for this number of animals is also an issue.

2) It would seem as though there are health and safety potential problems when that many animals are housed in one facility. Flies, disposal of fecal matter could be an issue . Consumption of natural resources such as precious water is an issue for this type of business.

3) Importantly, this type of business which again sounds like a puppy mill is concerning as how will this business affect the animals in shelters in Arizona. It is one thing to suggest that sales taxes will provide financial support to the city: it is another thing to address the indirect burden posed on animal control offices, shelters etc.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Denise Cahalan

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From: Andrew Umphries
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Puppy and Kitten Mill (Breeding Facility)
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 1:11:16 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Honorable Commission Chair Wayne Gregan; Honorable Commissioners,

I'm writing to humbly request that you do not grant a breeding facility permit to Chance Mason in Elfrida, AZ.
Our local animal shelters are already filled with perfectly good pets that need homes. Why intentionally produce more pets?
Furthermore, the "exotic cats" mentioned in the permit application . . . um, is that a good idea? Currently, there are bills moving through various sections of congress specifically aimed at preventing this type of industry.
This type of business just doesn't make sense in any location of the country.

Thank you for your time and consideration . . .

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Tucson, AZ

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From: Tom Hayes
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: no puppy mills!!
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 1:24:24 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr. Kirschmann,

I would like to address the issue of a request for a Special Use Permit to build an animal husbandry facility outside of Elfrida.

This issue is of major concern to me! It sounds like a puppy mill—something by no means to be proud of.

A lot of money would be spent to build this facility. How is this investment in development going to be recouped? **by providing minimal to zero care to the animals housed there.**

Here are three of my major concerns:

1. After approval, what is to stop the owners from separating the kennels into much smaller areas and packing in more animals?
2. Anyone breeding animals out of a passion for animals would not be prohibiting potential adopters from the premises. The breeders, if legitimate and caring, should be happy to show off their property and the care given to the animals.
3. Using bark collars to stop barking is inhumane. Especially if used on puppies, these collars could cause lasting emotion/psychological damage to the animal.

The following statistics are from the ASPCA on data collected from 2015-2018:

- Approximately 6.5 million companion animals enter U.S. animal shelters nationwide every year. Of those, approximately 3.3 million are dogs and 3.2 million are cats. We estimate that the number of dogs and cats entering U.S. shelters annually has declined from approximately 7.2 million in 2011. The biggest decline was in dogs (from 3.9 million to 3.3 million).
- Each year, approximately 1.5 million shelter animals are euthanized (670,000 dogs and 860,000 cats). The number of dogs and cats euthanized in U.S. shelters annually has declined from approximately 2.6 million in 2011. This decline can be partially explained by an increase in the percentage of animals adopted and an increase in the number of stray animals successfully returned to their owners.
- Approximately 3.2 million shelter animals are adopted each year (1.6 million dogs and 1.6 million cats).
- About 710,000 animals who enter shelters as strays are returned to their owners. Of those, 620,000 are dogs and only 90,000 are cats.

Even though Animal Euthanasia Statistics reports that animal euthanasia statistics reflect a declining trend of euthanasia in animal shelters. Incidents of animal euthanasia is not well documented, however, and total estimates vary.

- Between **4,000** and **10,000** animals are euthanized in shelters daily.
- **25%** of animals entering shelters are confirmed euthanized.
- **9 out of 10** euthanized animals are adoptable, having no painful or life-threatening conditions.
- As many as **57%** of euthanized animals are un-weaned kittens.
- Americans pay **$1.5 billion** each year for animal control, including euthanasia.

According to PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals): Approximately 6 to 8 million animals are handled by animal shelters in the U.S. each year. Even though some are reclaimed or adopted, nearly 4 million unwanted dogs and cats are left with nowhere to go. animal shelters cannot humanely house and support all these animals until their natural deaths. They would be forced to live in cramped cages or kennels for years, lonely and stressed, and other animals would have to be turned away because there would be no room for them.

Bottom line, we need more homes for the animals we have—not a facility built to add to the over-population which results in the loss of lives.

Please do not approve this Special Use Permit.

Thank you,

Thomas E Hayes

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From: janimalm
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Puppy mill opposition
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 1:36:58 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

I have been involved in humane education focused on the realities of commercial breeding facilities (puppy mills) and their retail outlets since 2007. Besides the cruelty to the breeding dogs, this is a consumer protection issue. The public is lied to, taken advantage of, and conned into 3rd party high interest financial commitments they can't afford. They are sold sick puppies resulting in huge vet bills, frequent deaths, and broken hearts. Puppy mills claim to be highly regulated by the USDA, but that is a lie.

More than 300 American municipalities have banned commercial pet sales for the animal suffering and consumer problems they cause. Please deny permits to any commercial breeding facilities in Cochise.

Sincerely,

Janice McClellan
Chandler AZ
Puppy Mill Free Arizona
Bailing Out Benji AZ Chapter

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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From: rhiannon.leal@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rhiannon Leal
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To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 1:57:36 PM

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From: Ashley Read
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Chance Mason
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 2:52:25 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

My name is Ashley Read and I am sending this email in regards to Chance Masons safe kennel breading. I have known Chance for many years now and have gotten to know that not only is he a very positive leader and role model but he also ensures every decision he makes in his business are done accurately and positively. This wonderful business that chance is starting has so many positive variables. It has opened a safe light to those wanting a pet that has been well taken care of, loved and trained before finding their forever home.
Chance Mason is very responsible and has and will continue to take care of these animals as well as ensuring they are going into safe homes, well fed and loved. He is a very positive influence and leader in everything he does.
I support his safe kennel breading.

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From: lorrie7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lorrie Underwood
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From: Christine Cotter
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 1:49:47 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

So I just recently moved to elfrinda I'm aware of the kennel the Mason's are wanting to get a permit for, im in favor of it being passed.
I've know the Mason's for years and they are wonderful people and have treated their animals very well.

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From: Tail Topia
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: SU 21-14 (Mason) 12 May 21
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 4:10:20 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Rob,

My name is Nicole Brown and I am a local small business owner and home owner.,105-16-001C4. I received information about a dog breeding operation opening in this county. I am very concerned with the environmental impact and the care and cleaning protocols of this facility. There are a lot of unknown and vague answers in his application for a special use permit.

The application lists up to 40 breeding females at one time. That could result in approximately 320 puppies and or kittens at one time if all have at least one litter per year.

AKC recommended guidelines in one person per 15 animals. His maximum staff would only be 4 personal according to his application. To follow AKC guidelines the applicant would need 24 staff members to operate a safe and sanitized facility.

The application does not cover how many male breeding dogs would be used and if housed together or separate from other males.

The applicant does not seem open to anyone inspecting or entering their property even to pick up new purchases. That alone sends many red flags.

There is nothing about what his interior kennels will be constructed with. If using anything with openings like chain link fence the dogs could mate through the fencing. There is nothing about separating the males in females in separate buildings. Additionally there is nothing about covers over the top of the kennels to prevent them from escaping and cross breeding.

Exterior fencing is not suitable for the same reason. Boxers are known to easily clear a 6 foot fence from the ground. Field fencing will not contain most dogs. Many of the smaller breeds can escape through the holes, agile dogs can easily climb or jump the fence. They did discuss an electric fence, which requires a collar to control. The collars can easily be broken off and can't be safely used on many breeds and puppies.

With the 10 to 15 acre parcel will the dogs be supervised to ensure they do not escape? Will the dogs have access to water and temperature controlled shelter? With the breeds being brachiocephalic they are prone to many heat related issues.

How long per day will the dogs be outside versus inside? Will all fecal matter be picked up on the 15 acres or only on the inside building.

Building construction. The application states that there will be drains in the kennels. Will grey water empty into the property or into the septic tank?

Insulation to reduce noise should have several layers of insulation and soundproofing materials added to keep noise under control. What decibel of noise is expected to come from this facility?

There is nothing in the application about cleaning protocols. To thoroughly and properly disinfect pet chemicals need to be used like kennel sol or 256 top performance. Both of those are harsh and will destroy epoxy floors. Also if not used properly can create chemical burns on humans and animals. If using chemicals where will the grey water be disposed of and will the chemical leech into the ground?

For pet waste removal removal the applicant stated he would use a dumpster. There is nothing

about double bagging feces to control odor and flies. Also nothing about how often the dumpster will be emptied.

The applicant listed fly traps as a form of pest control. Certain fly traps can cause harm to native birds if the chemicals are opened or the bags fall to the ground resulting in poison of both the dog and native wildlife.

The application stated he would use about 36 thousand gallons of water a year. I own a facility smaller than what he is asking for and I use almost 100 thousand gallons a year, His estimate is grossly miscalculated.

There is nothing in the application about housing and caring for the cats. Just that he wants to breed them.

In his plan he discussed food storage. He did not account for water damage from cleaning kennels and how he planned to control rodents and pets from contaminating the food.

I understand that this may be approved. If that is the case I would like to request that the facility has to meet safety guidelines and be inspected without notice at a minimum of once a quarter from veterinarians and animals control officers.

Nicole Brown
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From: bigwiscon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Libby
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 5:27:59 PM

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From: McGinnis, Cristina
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: FW: I understand that we have a puppy mill in Elfrida
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 8:06:49 AM

From: McGinnis, Cristina
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 8:02 AM
To: Saylor, Christopher D <CSaylor@cochise.az.gov>
Subject: FW: I understand that we have a puppy mill in Elfrida

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From: armaghgirl@aol.com <armaghgirl@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 12:32 PM
To: Planning and Zoning <planningandzoning@cochise.az.gov>
Subject: I understand that we have a puppy mill in Elfrida

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

I can't believe that a puppy mill is allowed ANYWHERE in Cochise County! This is a disservice to everyone! There are more dogs and cats than local shelters can accommodate. How can the commission allow a puppy mill to exist here! Please, CLOSE IT DOWN!!

Joan A. Murphy
resident of Cochise County

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From: Susan Libby
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Planned Exotic Dog and Cat Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 5:34:28 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Please be aware that our group is opposed to the opening of yet another " exotic dog and cat" mill operation.

Chance Mason of Mason's Meowers and Barkers Breedery LLC has applied for a Special Use Permit from the Cochise County Planning & Zoning Commission to open a dog and 'exotic cat" breeding facility in Elfrida, which is located south of Willcox in Cochise County, AZ. The property owners are Chance and Jennifer Mason

These operations are not wanted or needed and inevitably are poorly monitored until the abuses come to light.

Thank you for considering our concerns

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From: sheenamclean@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sheena McLean
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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From: grace.n.s.eberly@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Grace Eberly
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 6:34:18 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: lilcy87@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Feldman
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From: mlsierra64@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Monica Rivera
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 9:05:31 PM

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From: Judd, Peggy
To: jcfred@jcdx2.com; Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Re: May 12, 2021 docket SU21-14 (Mason)
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 6:21:53 AM

Hi Jere,

I am not in favor of puppy mills and am significantly worried that this operation is way too large for the remote location and would be better set near a city of great size. Our little county doesn't need this in my opinion.

Yes, we do need a shelter and Tuesday night the HSSA board in a Tucson approved a plan to partner with the county and get the new County Shelter operational under the HSSA. Mr Farley said they were very enthusiastic. It is time to bring it to the Board of Supervisors, Hooray!

Peggy

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From: jcfred@jcdx2.com <jcfred@jcdx2.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:55:54 AM
To: Kirschmann, Robert <RKirschmann@cochise.az.gov>
Cc: Judd, Peggy <PJudd@cochise.az.gov>
Subject: May 12, 2021 docket SU21-14 (Mason)

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Docket SU21-14 (Mason) The Applicant requests Special Use Authorization to establish an AKC dog and exotic cat breeding(animal husbandry) facility.

I am expressing concern with the proposed facility. The county does not have, and has not had a local/centralized county shelter since Huachuca City/County closed in December 2018. As a result animals are transported to either Douglas or Willcox. Neither facility is equipped for the influx of animals, and as a result the euthanize rate may well have increased.

By adding 'exotic' cats, unknown whether these are large breed or small breed, the county has a responsibility to be able to care for these animals should adopters relinquish, or should the facility be unable to care for said animals. Is the county prepared to do so….I would conclude they are not.

AKC dogs are beautiful, but perhaps bred for looks and not brains ☺. What happens to the additional animals that do not meet standards? Again the county might well be considered the 'solution' through a shelter, which again they do not have.

I would urge caution and confirmation from the Board that they are willing and able to house perhaps an additional 100+ animals including 'exotics cats' with no negative impact to (a) the animals, (b) the two small facilities and (c) the taxpaying public.

Thank you in advance,

Jere Fredenburgh
South Sierra Vista
Cochise County
520 803 9543

"*He who would trade liberty for some temporary security, deserves neither liberty nor* security." Ben Franklin

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From: siriusintucson3301@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Deborah Thompson
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 6:57:34 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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As a former Animal Cruelty Investigator, I have seen first- hand the terrible consequences of these facilities.

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From: (null) (null)
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Puppy mill/cat breeder
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 7:09:43 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Please, Mr. Kirchmann, do all you can to stop this horrible idea. No where in the country are more breeders of dogs and cats needed! This persons plans are not animal or people friendly. The heat in the summer will kill lots of these animals. How cruel to even consider this idea. Please say NO!
Kathy's and Dave Carlson
Sierra Vista

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From: carthjunk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carly Thompson
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
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From: valeriedavidson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Valerie Davidson
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 7:25:40 AM

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From: Willowrandabee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Randy willoughby
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 8:08:41 AM

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Thank you for your attention!
Randy L Willoughby

Sincerely,
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From: Lorrie Smith
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Kennel
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 9:14:20 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Hello Robert,

My name is Lorraine Smith. I am writing in regards of Chance and Jenny Mason of there Dog Kennel.

I have known these people for several years, I have never known them to be horrible abusive people, or the kind of people to run an animal mill.

Chance is a very up Standard guy. He is very hard working man. He works hard at everything he does, weather it's work or play he does the best he could. Never really known him to be lazy. When he sees an opportunity of good faith he takes it. I never known him to be an angry or hurtful man.

When ever we needed the help, they were always there for my husband and I. Even when we were out jobs they would help us out and come to our aid.

Chance is the type of guy, when he would put his mind to it, and say what he does, he does.

We would go on vacation or a business trip. They would cat sit for us. Never had a problem before and my cats were well taken care of. Lots of love and my with a warm and safe environment.

When I heard about this, I couldn't get pass my mind that someone would actually think he would do this. It was funny to me, cause I have never known them to be dishonest people or scammers. Just always seen him as a very hard working man.

Thank you,
Lorraine Smith

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From: garnettbb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carol Garnett
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 9:14:54 AM

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From: cnmsue .
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Dog breeder
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 9:15:40 AM

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Mr. Kirschmann,
I am very worried about the Elfrida dog breeder facility request, especially after reading Jenn Demchuk's response. I don't know anything about dog breeding operations but I do know about puppy mills. I have a dog from a puppy mill that was bred multiple times because she is a white Chihuahua and dumped at the Bisbee shelter with an infected uterus, badly infected teeth and a urinary tract infection. She was so sick she had to be fostered after her multiple surgeries.
We can't take a chance that this facility will turn into a puppy mill.
Breeding exotic cats is for profit only. It certainly is not for well being of cats.
Please turn down this application.
Susan Lee
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cnmsue@gmail.com

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From: Schneider Cathy
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Dog and cat breeding facility in Cochise County
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 9:25:55 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

I understand that someone is interested in building a breeding facility for dogs and exotic cats in Elfrida. I am totally opposed to the idea and hope they will not be given a permit. Puppy mills are notoriously cruel environments, and Cochise County certainly doesn't want to be known as a place that would approve of a business of that type.

Please do the right and just thing and refuse to approve this project.

Thank you,

Cathy Schneider
Sierra Vista

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From: Monica Savarese
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Puppy mill in Elfrida
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 9:34:32 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Good morning Mr. Kirshman,

My name is Monica Savarese and I'm a resident of Sierra Vista.
I'd like to express my concern about the plans to open a breeding facility in Elfrida : I am an animal lover and I have volunteered for a few years in a local shelter, helping with walking dogs and the adoptions of cats and dogs weekly, and I have witnessed first hand the end result of these "animal husbandry" facilities (should we dare call them puppy mills?), and it's not pretty.

I've seen it in the eyes of purebred dogs abandoned because of behavioral or physical issues due to over-breeding... I've met female dogs left in shelters because they reached the end of their breeding "career", never held a day in their lives, spent in a cages, forced to breed every time they're in heat, until they become useless to the breeder...
From what I read, this breeder plans to operate in many ways consistent with the definition of puppy mills established by the Humane Society of the United States, such as not allowing buyers to visit the facility, not meeting with potential buyers to make sure that the puppies go to proper homes... I read that the puppies will be mailed to the buyers, of whom they know nothing about, the only requirement is having the money: these are sentient beings, not a plant or a book! This practice is insane and screams PUPPY MILL!
The breeder is planning on using bark collars to curb the noise, classic sign of a puppy mill, since a responsible breeder would focus on training and adding mental enrichment activities and stimulation to address the issue.
All the concerns apply also to cat breeding of course! I'd recommend everyone to spend some time in any of the county/cities shelters to see the sad plight of thousands upon thousands of cats and dogs in our county, or talk to the presidents of any of the numerous rescue groups who dedicate themselves to save animals' lives from a fate they don't deserve, I can guarantee not one will support the building of such a facility anywhere, and especially not in our backyard, so to speak.
I'm sure there are responsible breeders around, who do not make breeding their livelihood hence putting animal welfare over profit, and this one in Elfrida sure dies not sound like it, so please do not allow this horrible business to take place in Cochise County!

Respectfully,

Monica Savarese

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From: lizese2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elizabeth Lopez
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 9:46:22 AM

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From: nsbYniO*?@yahoo.com
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 11:03:06 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

As a retired veterinarian,in private practice for over 40 years, I believe a business such as this is a major abuse of animals. These animals are bred so often it is physically and spiritually demeaning. We have warehouses of abandoned and mistreated dogs and cats. As for Man's Best Friend, we certainly haven't returned the favor or the Blessing. It is time we stepped up and over the mighty dollar to redeem ourselves and thank God for the abundance given and act as if respect and Grace matter.

Robert J. Huber and Carol A. Huber

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From: cgarcia@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Connie Garcia
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 11:06:45 AM

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From: nms417@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Schuessler
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 11:19:28 AM

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From: Diane Murello
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Special Use Permit near Elfrida
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 1:49:30 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

I am urging you not to give the special use permit near Elfrida. This sounds like it will be used for a puppy mill.

Thank you,

Diane Murello

3606 Camino El Jardin

Sierra Vista, AZ 85650

Cochise County Resident

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From: McLachlan, Christine
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: FW: Puppy mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 2:33:58 PM

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From: CYNTHIA TOMASI <cet4books@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:34 PM
To: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>
Subject: Puppy mill

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Cochise County does not need this. It is cruel and unnecessary. People can always find a pet another way!
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Cynthia Tomasi
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From: Suzanne Garcia
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Special Use Permit - Chance Mason
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 4:54:37 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Mr Kirschmann,

I am writing to request that the application for Special Use Permit for Mason's Meowers and Barkers be denied. There is absolutely no need for a breeding facility when there are so many wonderful dogs and cats languishing in animal shelters.

Another cause for concern is Mr Mason intends to breed Bulldogs. Bulldogs often require cesarean section to be delivered of their puppies. What will happen if there are no qualified veterinarians available...both mother and puppies could die.

Please do not let Mr Masdon add to the sorry state of affairs for companion animals in this country. Don't allow him to profit from the misery and suffering of these animals.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Garcia

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From: lisegilliland@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lise Gilliland
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 6:08:08 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: ocean1203@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donna Fine
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 6:46:21 PM

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From: vondesti@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark von Destinon
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 6:47:15 PM

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From: desertride
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Comment / Application for Special Use by Chance Mason
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 6:50:24 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr. Kirschmann
Re: Application for Special Use by Chance Mason

There are some unavoidable dangers breeding dogs commercially. Because the females are impregnated every heat cycle and live in a stressful environment they are not adoptable at the end of their usefulness because of health and behavioral issues. The conditions in these facilities are stressful to the animals because of the confinement, noise and lack of socialization. These operations, now widely referred to as "puppy mills" put pressure on animal shelters because so often the puppies have physical / genetic and behavioral issues because of short cutted breeding practices and the stressful conditions of their first two months. The long, dark, noisy trailer ride to their buyer does not help.

Reputable breeders of purebred dogs and cats usually work with just one breed, have a small number of breeding animals, do not breed them every heat cycle, do not breed them for their entire lives and are particular about who they sell them to. In fact they require the buyers to come to their premises to buy the puppy.

Overpopulation of cats and dogs is a national problem. Southern Arizona is no exception. And as a humane officer in the SF Bay area years ago I can tell you....It is no fun to have to euthanize young, healthy dogs for no other reason but there are not enough homes. *Man's best friend* should never be treated like this.

Please reject this application for a breeding facility.

Sincerely,

Greg Hale
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Tucson, AZ 85704

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From: iimageaz1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cynthia McWhorter
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 7:31:50 PM

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From: smerrittaz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sherry Whitcomb
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 7:51:40 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: nicolelasiter@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nicole Lasiter
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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From: Lizzy Castleberry
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Chance Mason
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 8:03:45 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Hello my name is Elizabeth Castleberry. I am writing in regards of Chance Mason.
I have known Chance Mason for a long time.. Him and his wife are very dear friends of my mother and father. Their children and I had become good friends growing up, like family. Since we have known them, I've never knew them to be bad, horrible people.
I remember how when my parents needed help they were always there for them. If it wasn't a cup of sugar or something big like money, they were always there. His wife would always give awesome gifts every other day we would go over or go have dinner. They would give us the shirts off their backs if they could.
As long as I've known them they never were abusive or had missed treated animals. They always had animals such a lizards or tarantulas that they let me hold or get comfortable around. I've known them to be very kind and even fed the strays that use to come around the home when they had no where else to go. To see them be those kind of people, is not in the cards. I can't even imagine it.
Sincerely,
Elizabeth Castleberry

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From: Doritabrady@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dorita Brady
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 8:20:49 PM

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From: justme430@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jane Koepsel
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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From: lovemndyy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda German
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 9:28:36 PM

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From: marcy0322@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marcy Makarewicz
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 9:30:06 PM

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From: wakelover.barton9@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephen Barton
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 9:38:26 PM

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From: doribface@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dori Bixle
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 6:07:37 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: Luis Santos
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Chance Mason - Kennel
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 9:15:45 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Hello Robert,

I would like to offer my support to a wonderful, caring individual, Chance Mason. I have had the privilege of knowing him for close to 5 years now. He has always been consistent with his character. During the pandemic, his true character shone through when he paid it forward by contributing his own profit to his subcontractors due to extreme loss of revenue.
His love for animals is apparent, and his kindness towards them is as evident as his love for others.
It is unfair to categorize this man into the hate and neglect we see consistent with puppy mills. I strongly believe that his new business endeavor, will have the same level of high standard and care as his past and current ventures.

If I can be of further assistance to this cause please fell free to contact me.

Luis and Amanda Santos
(520) 244-9337

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From: Ruth Shoup
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Chance Mason - Kennel
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 10:57:13 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Hello Robert,

I am writing this in regards to the kennels that Chance Mason is starting up. I would like to say that I support Chance in this new venture. I have known him, and his wife, for 30+ years, and have witnessed the care they show toward animals, regardless of who they belong to. To compare the kennels Chance is putting together to puppy mills in unfair and unjust. He cares for animals and cares about the types of home he can provide for them.

Chance's honest character is apparent in his everyday life and business, as it will be in this new venture.

Please reach out if you have any other questions that I may answer.

Thank you
Ruth Shoup
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From: julie.scali@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julie Scali
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 11:00:39 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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Thank you for your attention!

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From: ROBERT BOYER
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Subject: "Puppy Mill"?
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 11:50:10 AM

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Mr. Kirschmann,

I have read the SUA request for the breeding kennel in Elfrida and the issues raised by Jenn Demchuk and Dori Duvall in regard to the proposed facility. I hope that the issues raised in those letters will be incorporated into the discussions with Mr. Chance Mason so that the facility does not become a Puppy Mill.

Thank you,

Robert Boyer

Cochise County Resident

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Dear Mr. Kirschmann,

I would like to address the issue of a request for a Special Use Permit to build an animal husbandry facility outside of Elfrida.

This issue is of major concern to me! It sounds like a puppy mill—something by no means to be proud of.

A lot of money would be spent to build this facility. How is this investment in development going to recouped? Probably by providing minimal to zero care to the animals housed there. Here are three of my major concerns:

1. After approval, what is to stop the owners from separating the kennels into much smaller areas and packing in more animals?
2. Anyone breeding animals out of a passion for animals would not be prohibiting potential adopters from the premises. The breeders, if legitimate and caring, should be happy to show off their property and the care given to the animals.
3. Using bark collars to stop barking is inhumane. Especially if used on puppies, these collars could cause lasting emotion/psychological damage to the animal.

The following statistics are from the ASPCA on data collected from 2015-2018:

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- Approximately 3.2 million shelter animals are adopted each year (1.6 million dogs and 1.6 million cats).
- About 710,000 animals who enter shelters as strays are returned to their owners. Of those, 620,000 are dogs and only 90,000 are cats.

Even though Animal Euthanasia Statistics reports that animal euthanasia statistics reflect a declining trend of euthanasia in animal shelters. Incidents of animal euthanasia is not well documented, however, and total estimates vary.

- Between **4,000** and **10,000** animals are euthanized in shelters daily.
- **25%** of animals entering shelters are confirmed euthanized.
- **9 out of 10** euthanized animals are adoptable, having no painful or life-threatening conditions.
- As many as **57%** of euthanized animals are un-weaned kittens.
- Americans pay **$1.5 billion** each year for animal control, including euthanasia.

According to PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals): Approximately 6 to 8 million animals are handled by animal shelters in the U.S. each year. Even though some are reclaimed or adopted, nearly 4 million unwanted dogs and cats are left with nowhere to go. animal shelters cannot humanely house and support all these animals until their natural deaths. They would be forced to live in cramped cages or kennels for years, lonely and stressed, and other animals would have to be turned away because there would be no room for them.

Bottom line, we need more homes for the animals we have—not a facility built to add to the over-population which results in the loss of lives.

Please do not approve this Special Use Permit.

Thank you,
Dori DuVall, Cochise County Resident
2201 Valley Sage St, Sierra Vista, AZ

From: Lauvon White
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Breeding Faciliity See attached letter from Dori Du Vall
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 12:39:42 PM
Attachments: Puppy Mill Letter.docx

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Dear Mr. Kirschmann,
Attached is a letter to you from Dori Du Vall. We felt that Dori expressed our feelings about the planned "Puppy Mill" Proposal better than we could have done. We have always adopted our cats from a shelter or an organization. When one thinks about all the animals that could be adopted and bring as much joy to a family why in the world would you support a breeding animals center for profit? We must give our support to the shelters who give so much of themselves to help these animals find a loving home. Hope you can open the below attachment. You probably already have copyof Dori's letter and we fully back her opinion. Sorry this is late reaching you, but we just learned of the situation.

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From: LJS070902@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lisa Sanzone
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Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 12:42:46 PM

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Re: May 12 Meeting Docket SU21-14 (Mason)

Dear Members of the Cochise County Planning and Zoning Commission,

On behalf of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), I urge you to deny Docket SU21-14 (Mason), a request for a special use authorization to establish dog and exotic cat breeding (animal husbandry) facility.

These comments are based on our knowledge of and experience with mass breeding operations across the country.

A puppy mill is an inhumane, commercial dog breeding facility in which the health of the dogs is disregarded in order to maintain a low overhead and maximize profits. Dogs from puppy mills are often sick and unsocialized. Puppy mills commonly sell through internet sales, online classified ads, flea markets and pet stores. Responsible breeders will be happy to meet buyers in person and show buyers where the puppy was born and raised—and where their mom lives too. It is an immediate red flag to us that the applicant writes, "Any sales will be either shipped or customers met off site. I do not want customers coming to my home" and "Animals will either be shipped or purchasers will be met off property." Responsible breeders encourage buyers to meet the parents of their puppy. Breeders who ship puppies sight-unseen are required to have a USDA license.

The applicant's attempt to appear professional by calling himself an "AKC breeder" is also problematic. The American Kennel Club does not certify or approve dog breeders, and it is not an animal welfare organization. In fact, numerous AKC-linked dog breeders have been shut down or even charged with animal cruelty after being found keeping dogs in deplorable conditions, performing do-it-yourself surgeries on dogs, and more.

The HSUS takes a stand against puppy mills on all possible levels, including supporting legislative changes, conducting investigations and litigation and promoting public awareness and education. The HSUS also works with local authorities when called upon to help shut down the most abusive puppy mills. The HSUS has assisted in the rescue of almost 5,000 dogs from puppy mills over the past two years alone.

The HSUS also opposes the applicant's proposal to breed and sell Savannah cats, which are produced by breeding African serval cats with domestic cats. The creation of hybrid Savannah cats is rife with public health and safety issues as well as animal welfare concerns.

Animal welfare
Hundreds of thousands of breeding adult dogs are languishing in cages throughout the country in high volume commercial breeding facilities. Far from family pets, most of these dogs will never know the pleasure of a treat, a toy, a bed or even the feeling of grass under their feet, but instead will be forced to churn out litter after litter of puppies until they can no longer be bred. In addition to the horrific living conditions at substandard breeding operations, the continuous breeding the female dogs are forced to endure is incredibly hard on their bodies and

causes numerous health problems. Many of these animals receive little to no veterinary care and live in continuous stress, pain and discomfort.

Spread of disease
Basic animal care is frequently lacking in large-scale dog breeding facilities. Dogs are often kept in cramped, unsanitary, and crowded spaces, increasing the likelihood for dogs to become infected with pathogens that can be transferred to other dogs and humans. Disease-causing organisms that can be transmitted from dogs to humans include tapeworms, roundworm, hookworms, cryptosporidium, Campylobacter and Giardia. Roundworms can lay up to 100,000 eggs per day on a puppy, resulting in millions of potentially infective eggs spread throughout the area a puppy can roam. Roundworm eggs can survive in soil for up to 10 years.[1]

Furthermore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has linked dog breeders and distributors to two different multi-drug resistant Campylobacter outbreaks that spread from puppies to people. The disease infected over 150 Americans across more than 20 states and hospitalized dozens.[2] [3] A CDC official stated that "the puppy story is not over – it is difficult to control with a whole system that lacks hygiene at many points and seems to use antibiotics instead." The strain of the disease is severe because it is multi-antibiotic resistant, meaning it is resistant to commonly used first line antibiotics used to treat the disease.

Environmental impact
There are many environmental impacts associated with high volume commercial dog breeding facilities. A common method used to maximize profits includes irresponsible waste management practices that are harmful to the environment. Impacts may be caused by improper disposal of feces, urine, and carcasses. These impacts effect water, air, and soil quality, which can seriously affect human and animal health. In terms of water quality, pathogens in dog wastes can seep into aquifers. In terms of air quality, aerosolization of microbial pathogens, endotoxins, odors, and dust particles is an inevitable consequence of the generation and management of animal wastes. When dog feces can remain in an area the material dries and becomes flaky, enabling lighter particles to be picked up by wind and become airborne. These particulates can travel through air currents up to 600 miles. Decomposition of the waste materials creates ammonia, a powerful and dangerous greenhouse gas, which may convert to particulates and be lifted into the atmosphere.[4]

Consumer protection
Because of the hidden nature of high-volume commercial breeding facilities, well-meaning consumers often purchase puppies from substandard breeders unknowingly, by purchasing at a third-party meeting place or from a pet store or over the Internet. As a result, consumers often end up with a puppy that not only carries diseases that can be transmitted to humans (children in particular) but may have behavioral problems, congenital disorders, or require hundreds or thousands of dollars in veterinary care.

At HSUS, we have received numerous puppy-buyer complaints regarding breeders about either a sick pet that was purchased, broken promises, deceptive marketing, health contracts that were not honored, and/or a seller's attempt to cut costs by skimping on vet care or requiring the buyer to take the puppy only to the seller's participating veterinarian.[5]

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[1] https://animalhosp.com/canine-internal-parasites/
[2] https://www.cdc.gov/campylobacter/outbreaks/puppies-9-17/index.html
[3] https://www.cdc.gov/campylobacter/outbreaks/puppies-12-19/index.html
[4] https://www.humanesociety.org/sites/default/files/docs/environmental-impacts-puppy-mills-2020.pdf
[5] https://blog.humanesociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/HSUS-Puppy-Buyer-Complaints-Summary-Final-Web-Version-2018-1.pdf

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Federal and state laws do not adequately protect dogs or consumers
The applicant's facility may be required to obtain a license with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). As of April 26, 2021, according to a search of the USDA database,[6] no Class A or B licenses were registered for the name "Mason," "Asher," or for a facility in Elfrida, Arizona. Any breeder with five or more breeding females who sells sight unseen (for example, through pet stores, brokers or online) needs to have a federal USDA license, but such license does not guarantee that the facility is operating humanely. USDA-licensed breeders are only required to adhere to basic survival standards and USDA enforcement is severely lacking. However, it appears this breeder has not even abided by the minimal rules to obtain a USDA license.

In terms of USDA enforcement, the USDA audited itself in 2010 and their own Office of Inspector General reported that the enforcement process was ineffective against problem dealers because inspectors did not cite or document violations properly, penalties were minimal, and inspectors allowed facilities to operate unimpeded, year after year, despite repeat violations. The USDA recently removed the report from their website. Things have only gotten worse since this 2010 report was released. According to a 2019 feature story in The Washington Post, citations by the USDA have plummeted 65% and enforcement cases have declined 92% since 2016. USDA leaders have adopted a new policy that emphasizes "education, not enforcement" and treats regulated entities "more as partners than as potential offenders."[7] The USDA has not revoked a single dog breeder license for at least three years.

Not only has enforcement plummeted and the USDA proven time again that they care more about protecting puppy mills than regulating them, but even breeders who are compliant with USDA standards can legally keep dogs in cramped, stacked, wire cages for their entire lives. The USDA does not require that dogs be regularly let outside of their cages for exercise, nor does it mandate socialization. Dogs can be kept in extreme temperatures for prolonged periods of time. Females are bred as early and often as possible, until their bodies are completely depleted. When dogs are no longer able to reproduce, breeders often abandon or inhumanely euthanize them. Thus, even if a breeder complies with all USDA requirements, a breeder can keep animals in extremely inhumane conditions.

Serval cats and Savannah cats are wild animals.
Servals are wild cats native to Africa. Savannah cats, despite having one domestic parent, are also genetically programmed to behave as wild cats because domestication of a species requires thousands of years, not just a few generations of breeding hybrids.

Serval cats and Savannah cats pose a risk to public safety
Like all wild animals, servals and Savannah cats retain their natural predatory instincts, even if they are born in captivity and raised by hand. They have sharp teeth and claws, as well as powerful jaws, that can inflict serious and painful injuries. They also take every opportunity to escape and the risk of escape of African serval cats and/or their equally-wild offspring from the Masons' property poses a public safety threat to the community. Attached is a partial list of incidents involving African servals and Savannah cats, including:

- An African serval attacked a toddler during a children's birthday party at an Indiana zoo. Video of the incident shows the size of these cats and demonstrates the frightening speed with which they can move.

[6] https://aphis-efile.force.com/PublicSearchTool/s/

[7] https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/caged-raccoons-drooled-in-100-degree-heat-but-federal-enforcement-has-faded/2019/08/21/9abf80ec-8793-11e9-a491-25df61c78dc4_story.html

- After an escaped pet African serval in Ohio attacked a dog, the county sheriff warned residents that the animal was considered dangerous and to bring children and animals indoors. The serval was subsequently shot and killed by police when it became aggressive with officers.[8]
- An escaped pet Savannah cat entered a Rhode Island home and attacked a domestic cat outside the bedroom of the family's newborn baby, leaving the house cat badly injured with multiple bite wounds.[9]
- An escaped pet Savannah cat in New Jersey had to be tranquilized by animal control officials in order to capture the animal. The officers described the cat as "out of control."

There is no rabies vaccine approved for use in wild or hybrid cats.
The National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control states, "The safety and efficacy of parenteral rabies vaccines in wildlife and wild animal hybrids have not been established, and no rabies vaccines are currently licensed for use in these animals. Thus, any use of rabies vaccines in these animals is considered extralabel use."[10] The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also acknowledges, "No parenteral rabies vaccines are licensed for use in wild animals or hybrids (i.e., the offspring of wild animals crossbred to domestic animals)."[11]

While an exotic animal such as an African serval or a Savannah cat may have received rabies vaccinations, there are no trials or studies to demonstrate how protective or statistically effective the vaccines actually are in those species, if at all.

The breeding, sale and possession of Savannah cats is detrimental to animal welfare
Like all wild animals, Savannah cats fare poorly as pets and it is the height of irresponsibility to breed and market them as such. Even accredited zoos, with their enormous resources, have a difficult time adequately providing for the needs of captive wild animals, so it is ludicrous to assume that private citizens can do so.

Buyers, who are falsely led to believe that Savannah cats and other hybrid species "look wild" but have the temperament of domestic cats, inevitably discover that they've paid an exorbitant price for a "pet" that is unpredictable, aggressive, ambivalent about using a litter box and extremely destructive in the home. In a futile attempt to mitigate the cats' ability to inflict injuries, many owners subject them to painful procedures such as declawing and/or tooth removal. Hybrid cats are also often prone to serious and costly health problems, including painful irritable bowel disease (IBD) that causes chronic diarrhea; hypertrophic cardiomyopathy; progressive retinal atrophy; luxating patella; high corona titers; gingivitis and mouth lesions.

Ultimately, weary of attacks on people and/or other pets in the home, territorial spraying and urinating, ruined furniture, carpets, drapes and flooring, and hefty veterinary bills, many owners give up. But there are no good options for unwanted hybrid cats. Some owners relegate the cats to small cages in backyards, basements, or garages where they endure barren, boring lives. Many are euthanized because rescue organizations, sanctuaries, and shelters cannot accommodate the sheer numbers of unwanted hybrid cats.

It's a sad, cruel fate for the hybrid cats, who are trapped between two worlds – unable to conform as a family pet and forever denied everything that is natural to them. It's also often horrific for the domestic cats used to produce hybrids, many of whom are injured or killed when forced to breed with the much larger – and wild – servals, or

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[8] Kelcie Willis, "Ohio police officer shoots, kills exotic serval cat, Sheriff's Office says," Cox Media Group, October 14, 2019.

[9] "Exotic cats breaks into home, attacks family pet outside infant's bedroom," 10 News, November 22, 2017.

[10] National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control, 2016 revised, Part II. D. Recommendations for Parenteral Rabies Vaccination Procedures, Vaccination of wildlife and wild animal hybrids; http://www.nasphv.org/Documents/NASPHVRabiesCompendium.pdf

[11] https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/specific_groups/veterinarians/vaccination.html

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when giving birth to offspring who are unnaturally large for them. And it's a sad and sometimes traumatic experience for the buyers, whose dream of having a new, loving family pet often turns into a nightmare. The only ones who benefit are those perpetuating this cycle of cruelty and unhappiness whose sole interest is the whopping $10,000 to $20,000 price tag for each Savannah cat.

Currently, Arizona state law does not have a cap on the number of animals allowed in a commercial breeding facility, nor does Arizona state law require any humane standards for commercial breeding facilities.

Again, I urge that the Planning and Zoning Commission denies the request for a special use authorization. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Incidents – African servals and Savannah cats

April 18, 2021/Vancouver, Washington: A 60-pound pet serval inside a burning house bit a firefighter on the hand. Once the fire was extinguished, the house was closed up with the cat inside until animal control officials could contain the animal.	Micah Rice, "Large exotic cat complicates response to Felida house fire," *The Columbian*, April 18, 2021.
September 9, 2020/Merrimack, New Hampshire: A 40-pound pet serval named Spartacus escaped through the front door after being spooked by the family dog. The cat was on the loose for three days before he was recaptured and at one point was spotted a few miles from his owners' home.	"40-pound African serval cat missing in N.H. town," Associated Press, September 11, 2020. "Spartacus the serval cat found safe after escape from home," Associated Press, September 12, 2020.
October 13, 2019/Violet Township, Ohio: After an escaped pet African serval attacked a dog, the county sheriff warned residents that the animal was considered dangerous and to bring children and animals indoors. The serval was subsequently shot and killed by police when it growled and became aggressive with officers.	Kelcie Willis, "Ohio police officer shoots, kills exotic serval cat, Sheriff's Office says," Cox Media Group, October 14, 2019.
September 5, 2019/Santa Fe, New Mexico: An escaped pet African serval was captured by New Mexico Game and Fish officials in a state park. The cat had been seen by picnickers and others a few days earlier during the Memorial Day weekend.	Leah Cantor, "Exotic cat caught," *Santa Fe Reporter*, September 5, 2019.
April 14, 2019/Gig Harbor, Washington: A declawed pet serval named Tango escaped and was on the loose for four days before he was located and surrounded by sheriff's deputies until his owners could leash him. Tango had escaped once before (see 2016/Gig Harbor, Washington).	"Tango makes a run for it again, but Gig Harbor police track down 'very sweet' serval cat," *The News Tribune*, April 22, 2019.
October 29, 2018/South Bend, Indiana: An African serval attacked a baby during a children's birthday party at the Potawatomi Zoo. Video of the incident revealed that while the child was petting the animal from behind, the serval hissed and jumped then clawed and bit at the boy's head.	"African serval attacks toddler at birthday party," abc57, October 29, 2018.

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October 23, 2018/Kitty Hawk, North Carolina: A pet African serval named Rocky escaped and was spotted five months later and 85 miles away in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Two months after that, he was seen again in Virginia, now more than 150 miles from the home he had escaped from. Rocky had escaped at least once before and was on the loose for nearly a month before being recaptured (see January 2018/Kitty Hawk, North Carolina).	Kari Pugh, "Va. Beach hatches plan to reel in Rocky the runaway serval," OBX Today, April 10, 2019. "Rocky the escaped African cat spotted again in Virginia," Associated Press, June 21, 2019.
June 27, 2018/Tarpon Springs, Florida: A man encountered an escaped pet serval in his driveway. When he tried to scare the cat away by throwing something, the animal hissed, stared the man down and then hung around the yard for 10 to 15 minutes before leaving. The cat was subsequently recaptured by the owner.	"Wild African cat seen roaming Tarpon Springs neighborhood," WFTS, June 28, 2018.
April 24, 2018/Pelham, Alabama: A pet serval named Juno escaped from a home and was on the loose for more than three weeks before being captured in a trap and returned to the owner.	Anna Beahm, "Missing African cat returned to its owner in Pelham," al.com, May 18, 2018.
January 2018/Kitty Hawk, North Carolina: A pet African serval named Rocky escaped and was on the loose for nearly a month before being spotted by a woman in her backyard, captured in a trap, and returned to his owner.	Sam Walker, "Exotic cat missing in Kitty Hawk returned to owner," *The Outer Banks Voice*, February 15, 2018.
November 3, 2017/Reading, Pennsylvania: An African serval who was found roaming the streets was recaptured by animal shelter officials who surmised that the cat, who was declawed, had been kept as a pet.	"African serval rescued after found roaming Reading streets," WFMZ, November 8, 2017.
October 2017/Cranston, Rhode Island: A pet Savannah cat—a cross between a domestic cat and a wild African serval—entered a nearby home and attacked the neighbor's domestic cat outside the bedroom of the family's newborn baby. The domestic cat was badly injured by multiple bite wounds.	"Exotic cats breaks into home, attacks family pet outside infant's bedroom," 10 News, November 22, 2017.

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August 22, 2017/Hardeesville, South Carolina: A 45-pound pet African serval escaped from a home through a window. The owner, who warned that the cat was probably frightened and could be dangerous, was concerned that the serval might be shot because it was hunting season. The cat was on the loose for four months before he was recaptured and taken to a veterinarian who determined that he was dehydrated and had lost a lot of weight.	Lucas Hugh, "No, you're not seeing things! This 45-pound cat is missing from Hardeeville," *Island Packet*, August 23, 2017. Lauren Sinatra, "Hardeeville family continues to search for missing African serval cat," WJCL, August 25, 2017. Teresa Moss, "Missing 45-pound cat spotted in Palmetto Bluff area," *Island Packet*, September 30, 2017. "Missing African serval found in Palmetto Bluff," WTOC, December 18, 2017.
March 23, 2017/Paterson, New Jersey: An escaped pet Savannah cat—a cross between a domestic cat and a wild African serval—surprised citizens who spotted the animal walking around their neighborhood. Animal control officials, who described the cat as "out of control," had to tranquilize the animal in order to capture it.	Sarah Laskow, "Found: A 'very large' African cat roaming the streets of New Jersey," Atlas Obscura, March 24, 2017.
2016/Gig Harbor, Washington: A declawed pet serval named Tango escaped. Someone shot at him while he was on the loose.	"Tango makes a run for it again, but Gig Harbor police track down 'very sweet' serval cat," *The News Tribune*, April 22, 2019.
February 22, 2015/James Island, South Carolina: A pet African serval escaped from his owner while he was being walked on a leash. It was the second time the declawed 35-pound cat had gone missing in a few weeks.	Bo Peterson, "Domesticated wild cat on loose in James Island area," The Post and Courier, February 24, 2015.
December 2014/Buckhead, Georgia: A lynx attacked a woman who entered a cage to feed the animal at Fred Boyajian's exotic cat breeding facility. The lynx clawed the woman's scalp and bit her right arm. The victim's friend called 911 and she was treated for her injuries at a hospital.	Max Blau, "Does Georgia need to tighten the leash on exotic animals?," Atlanta Magazine, December 8, 2015.
May 14, 2014/Las Vegas, Nevada: Police and animal control officials were called when an escaped pet Savannah cat—a cross between a domestic cat and a wild African serval—was spotted in someone's backyard. The 20-pound cat was on the loose for about an hour. One woman who saw the cat thought it was a leopard.	Cassandra Taloma, "'Large' exotic cat on loose in Las Vegas returned to owner," *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, May 14, 2014.
August 2013/Detroit, Michigan: An escaped pet Savannah cat—a cross between a domestic cat and a wild African serval—who had been on the loose for about a month, was shot and killed by a neighbor who then put the animal's body in a trash can.	Tammy Stables Battaglia, "Giant cat roaming Detroit was shot by neighbor, thrown in garbage can, group says," *Lansing State Journal*, August 27, 2013.

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July 2013/Mequon, Wisconsin: A pet African serval escaped from a home and was on the loose for two weeks before being hit and killed by a car. It was the second time the 16-month-old declawed cat had gone missing in two months.	Jenna Sachs, "Mequon learns of exotic cat, drafting ordinance to ban them," Fox 6 Now, July 25, 2013.
May 2012/Charles Town, West Virginia: Police found a serval and nine Savannah cats—a cross between a domestic cat and a wild African serval—in deplorable conditions at a vacant property. The serval was in a wooden enclosure in the basement of the home and the Savannah cats were roaming the rest of the house which had urine and feces covering the floors. It took police more than 12 hours to capture and remove the cats from the home. A police officer was bit while removing one of the Savannah cats who was trapped in a wall. The cat bit through the officer's leather glove and through his thumbnail. The officer required medical treatment to both hands and the cat was killed to be tested for disease.	Bill Kohler, "Exotic cat find in Charles Town leads to cruelty charges," *Herald-Mail*, June 14, 2012.
April 19, 2010/Leesburg, Virginia: An African serval escaped while being carried in a transport carrier at the Leesburg Animal Park. When the bottom of the carrier broke, the serval ran off and was subsequently found off the zoo property. The animal's tail, which was injured during the escape, had to be amputated.	U.S. Department of Agriculture, Inspection Report, Seneca Ridge/Leesburg Animal Park, 52-C-0018, December 2, 2011.
October 2008/Jefferson County, Alabama: A pet African serval escaped through an unlocked door in his cage and was on the loose for two weeks. The cat's owners warned the community that he would bite and could cause serious injury. At one point the 30- to 40-pound declawed cat was spotted three miles from his owner's home and was ultimately recaptured with the help of police.	Shanisty Myers, "Wild animal on the loose in Jefferson County," CBS 42 News, October 8, 2008. "Exotic African wildcat captured in Tarrant neighborhood," *The Birmingham News*, October 16, 2008.
2006/Buckhead, Georgia: An African serval escaped from Fred Boyajian's exotic cat breeding facility.	Max Blau, "Does Georgia need to tighten the leash on exotic animals?," *Atlanta Magazine*, December 8, 2015.
November 25, 2005/Greensboro, North Carolina: A pet serval who had escaped a month previously got loose again and roamed a residential neighborhood for a day before being recaptured. The owner had brought the serval back to her home despite having been ordered, after the last escape, to remove the animal from the county.	"Woman fined after exotic cat escapes home again," *News-Record*, December 7, 2005.

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October 2005/Greensboro, North Carolina: A pet African serval escaped and was on the loose in a residential neighborhood for days before he was caught by police and animal control officers. A neighbor commented that the cat was "like a flailing little bag of snakes," when the officers captured him. The owner was ordered to remove the serval from the county.	"Big cat captured in Greensboro," *News-Record*, October 11, 2005.
August 7, 2004/Las Vegas, Nevada: Authorities were called when a citizen discovered an African serval lying on the front lawn. When animal control officers approached the cat, the animal leapt from the ground directly to the top of a 6-foot-high fence and then onto the flat roof of the house's carport. The officers eventually caught the cat, who they presumed was an escaped pet, and took the animal to the county shelter.	Molly Ball, "African wildcat captured in Las Vegas," *Las Vegas Sun*, October 8, 2004.

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Mission: To establish and operate a collaborative regional pet adoption center to help shelters and rescue animals find forever homes and educate the public on responsible companion pet ownership

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April 29, 2021

Honorable Commission Chair Wayne Gregan
Honorable Commissioners
Cochise County Planning and Zoning Commission
Re: SU21-14 (Mason) Application for a Special Use Permit

Dear Chairman Gregan and Commissioners:

Rescue Me Tucson is concerned about the proposed dog and "exotic cat" breeding facility in Elfrida. We formed to help facilitate the adoption of rescue and shelter animals throughout Southern and Central Arizona. Part of our mission is to help educate the public on how to find a responsible breeder of dogs, cats, and other companion animals if an adoption is not possible.

We urge you to deny this application. While there is no legal definition of a puppy or kitty mill, any operation that places profit above the welfare of the animals is generally thought of as a Puppy or Kitty Mill. There are numerous indications of a mill-type operation in this application.

Below is a list of our concerns:

1. **Meeting the buyers off site:** The applicant states he "doesn't want" clients coming to his facility and that he'll be shipping animals to buyers. Responsible breeders with high standards insist on meeting potential clients to interview them to see if the breed is the right fit for them. They are happy to show where the dogs and cats are raised and answer questions about their breeding and care methods. They don't breed the mothers at every heat until they are worn out, then discard them at an auction or shelter. They insist on having a contract that states the animal will be returned to them if it doesn't work out.

2. **Shipping animals to buyers sight unseen**: A willingness to ship animals to buyers without meeting them first is an indication that this is either a wholesale pet breeding business that plans to sell to pet stores and other on-line brokers, or the mark of a breeder with lower standards. Shipping young animals is risky, as the puppies and kittens from different litters will be in proximity from other breeding operations and can pass diseases

or suffer from the cold and heat. Sometimes they arrive dead after being shipped long distances. Shipping bulldog breeds is especially concerning as these brachycephalic, or short-nosed dogs, have difficulty breathing in the heat.

3. **Access to veterinary care**: Cochise County presently has no emergency veterinary clinics, and there are few vets in the Elfrida area. Bulldog breeds often require cesarean sections. Will the applicant drive these dogs and cats to Tucson for emergency surgery to deliver the puppies and kittens if the mothers get in distress, or will he attempt do-it yourself cesareans, as some breeders do? With the potential to have 100 plus animals at any given time on the property, access to after-hours veterinary care is a concern.

4. **Oversight of the operations:** With an estimated 10,000 puppy and kitty mills in the USA and only about 10 inspectors for the entire country, enforcement of even the low existing USDA standards is likely to be sparse or non-existent. The American Kennel Club doesn't provide oversight of operations, and almost anyone can become an AKC breeder. Affiliation with the AKC or a Cat Breeders organization is no guarantee of being a quality breeder.

5. **Impacts to your local shelters and rescues**. We understand that it's your job to consider the impacts a Special Use Permit will have on categories such as Waste, Traffic, Noise, and Water. We urge you to also consider the impacts of the fiscal burden to public and private shelters that a facility like this can cause. Rescues and shelters from Tucson and Phoenix already respond to animal placement needs in Cochise County. The applicant states this operation will generate sales tax for the County, but since it appears to be more of a wholesale shipping operation which implies out of state buyers, the sales tax would be collected somewhere else, leaving the County with a predicted **net loss** once enforcement and the spill over into shelters and rescues is factored in. If the operation grows beyond the scale that's suggested, and it fails, organizations that step in to rescue the animals will have to spend thousands of dollars to provide veterinary care, housing, transportation, and placement for the animals.

The breeding mothers, once used up, aren't wanted by breeders. Rescues routinely take in the older mothers who show signs of neglect: tumors, matted coats, and rotten teeth. Most rescues are run by volunteers who raise the funds for the needed care, then work to find them homes. Obviously, it's harder to find home for senior dogs and cats who may be unsocialized after spending their entire lives in an institutional type setting. Genetically compromised and sick animals are sometimes associated with operations like this, and rescues can spend thousands of dollars to address the medical needs. What will happen to the puppies and kittens who are born with obvious genetic defects and others that can't be sold, or sold "in time"?

The estimated costs of taking ***one*** animal into a shelter system range up to **$450.00** to cover vaccines, spay/neuter surgeries, boarding, and staff. While it's nice to think that "purebreds don't

wind up in shelters", the reality is that 20%+ of all animals in shelters are "purebreds". They wind up in rescues and shelters for the same reasons other animals do: the owners moved, got divorced, had a new baby, passed away, or decided a pet was too much work.

Additional Red Flags in the application:

Number of animals planned is vague: The applicant states that he intends to "***not exceed 40 breeding adult animals***", yet the Legal Description states "***up to 40 breeding females.***" Which is it? Are the female breeding cats, or Queens, included in that number? 40 female dogs, if bred twice a year with an average of five puppies per litter, could produce 400 puppies a year. Cats can start breeding when they are six months old, and have three litters of five kittens a year, so the original six kittens, if used for breeding, can produce 30 kittens quickly, and 80-90 kittens could easily be present within a year. At any given time, there could be 100 dogs and puppies, at least, contained on the buildings on the one acre. This is an intensive use.

Phasing in: The timetable for phasing in the additional animals is vague. He states he will start with two buildings, each with 18 indoor outdoor kennels. Will he build the same kind of kennels for the additional dogs? Or does he plan to start using a different, more intense type of kenneling?

Cat Information: Details about how the applicants plan to care for the cats is missing in the application. What kind of cat housing will be used in the Cattery area? Is a separate building planned for the cats where they will be separated from the sight, sounds, and smells of the dogs, as they should be? Will they only have small cages, or will there be a larger safe area for the cats to use for exercise, sunlight, and fresh air? Cats have their own special requirements. What kind of enrichment for the cats will be provided? Will the cats be shipped alongside the dogs? While the applicant has expressed general experience with dogs, no experience is stated regarding cats. The applicant specifically mentions Savannah cats, an exotic hybrid, which because of their direct lineage to wild African cats, are outlawed or regulated in eight (8) states in the US. Responsible, knowledgeable breeders state which level of 'domestication' they breed (F1-F5).

Staffing: The applicant states they don't plan to hire any help to care for these animals right away. By our estimation, there could be 100 dogs living on one acre and running on the full 25 acres. That's a lot of intensive use and cleaning of animal waste for just two or three people to handle every day, let alone providing enrichment and exercise.

Isolation ward: None is listed. Where will the sick dogs and cats be housed so they aren't in proximity to the healthy dogs? Will there be separate ventilation for any Isolation area? What kind of heating and cooling will they have? Even in Southern Arizona, winters can be quite cold.

Fire Protection: Will these barn type buildings have commercial grade sprinkler systems to protect the animals in case of a fire?

Applicant's history: What breeding facility did he work at before? Was it found to have violations by the USDA? Does he possess the required USDA permit to ship the animals?

A Special Use Permit, once granted, runs with the Land. Once granted, this parcel will be an attraction to someone else who might have lower standards and different ideas to move in and run an even more intensive operation. Does the County have adequate staff to monitor what happens in the future with this operation and this property?

Large scale breeding facilities such as this aren't humane. Although the applicant states he will "not run a puppy mill but a high-quality animal husbandry business", the facts suggest otherwise.

Thank you for your service on the Commission and for taking the time to consider our letter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Young Wright

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President
Rescue Me Tucson

From: Carolyn Milkey
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Proposed exotic puppy and cat breeding facility in Elfrida
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 2:25:21 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Sir,

I would like to speak out against this breeding facility . This sounds like a puppy (and kitten) mill.

People who wish to purchase a specific animal are always encouraged to visit a breeder in his/her home to see the animal.

And a legitimate breeder will only adopt animals to people who take the time to investigate a home and the situation of the animal.

The state does not need a puppy mill.

Sincerely,

C. Milkey

Oro Valley, AZ

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From: truelove@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Truelove
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 2:32:59 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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While the owner of this proposed kennel has boasted about being an AKC breeder, the Zoning Commission members should know that the American Kennel Club is a dog registration service, and being affiliated with the AKC does not demonstrate that a breeder has prioritized the welfare or the quality of the animals they breed. It only demonstrates that he pays AKC registration fees. In fact, AKC "Breeders of Merit" have been caught keeping dogs in horrible conditions in the past. Furthermore, the AKC has opposed animal welfare legislation across the country, including bills allowing citizens to rescue dogs from hot cars, anti-tethering laws, and they even opposed bills to strengthen the penalties for the most egregious cases of animal cruelty. Affiliation with the AKC clearly does not establish one's credibility as an ethical breeder.

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The Elfrida resident in question is not a member of these specific breed clubs and is planning to establish a large-scale breeding operation just like the establishments these specific breed clubs warn against. The members of this Commission will hear from many Cochise County residents, as well as residents in neighboring counties, asking you to not allow this type of business in our community.

I ask you to please consider the concerns of your residents and take each and every one of those concerns as seriously as you take the desires of this one resident to establish a facility that is not welcome by our community.

Thank you for your attention!

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From: Douglas Tice
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Opposition to the proposed dog and "wild cat" breeding facility in Elfrida
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 2:39:48 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Honorable Commission Chair Wayne Gregan; Honorable Commissioners,

Please note my opposition to the proposed dog and exotic cat breeding facility special use permit in Elfrida.

As someone who was born and raised in Cochise County (Douglas to be exact) I am truly horrified that Cochise County may have a large scale dog and cat breeding operation. Especially when the rest of the country is phasing out inhumane large scale breeding operations (aka puppy mills).

Let's be on the right side of history on this one and please do not approve this permit.

Very Respectfully,
Douglas Tice

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From: Jane Parent
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: zoning and planning commission
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 2:49:23 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr. Kirschmann and fellow commissioners,

Please consider denying the current request for breeding kennels in Cochise county. These animal mills are breeding grounds for pain and suffering. I have been to local animal shelters and county facilities where these animals are often dumped , due to inbreeding, which causes the animals to be so malformed they are often missing organs from their body. I know of one family who purchased a dog from a puppy mill store (puppy world, Marana, AZ, that gets their animals from these kinds of breeders). The dog cost $1500 and became ill shortly after purchase, the dog was missing a lung.

Please do not support this type of cruel and unnecessary business in our communities!

ThankYou for your time and consideration
Jane Parent

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From: ukwildcat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Hanawalt
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 3:13:31 PM

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From: GARY VELLA
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Input regarding Docket SU21-24 Mason application.
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 3:28:50 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Mr. Kirschmann:

You may recognize my name from a form-letter communication sent earlier this week. Although that message quite thoroughly reflects many concerns that I and many others have, it was actually sent sooner than I had expected due to a premature click of my PC mouse. I'm sure we've all done that all too many times! Allow me to add some additional information specific to my organization's involvement in this issue in southern Arizona.

Since 2007, SPEAK has been actively involved in an ongoing campaign against puppy/kitten/rabbit mills and the retail outlets that support them by sourcing animals from factory farm-style breeding operations. The vast majority of those, of course, are located in the Midwest. It is no secret that many of these animals endure substandard housing conditions, females are overbred, and young animals arrive at retail locations with compromised health, although many of those health conditions do not reveal themselves until sometime after the purchase has been effected.

A recent example of this involves an individual who ran a business in California called Puppy World, When the animal retail laws changed in California and he could no longer do business as usual in that state, he moved to Marana, AZ (northwest suburb of Tucson) and set up his business as Puppy World Rescue. He did this under the pretense that all his puppies were coming from a rescue operation called Pet Connect Rescue, Inc. (PCRI). That ruse did not fly for long as the animal protection community caught on to the misrepresentation and alerted Marana Animal Control. After being confronted about it, the proprietor dropped the word "Rescue" from the name of his business and corrected another issue where he was in violation of state law. Long story short ... PCRI and several animal retailers (including the proprietor of Puppy World) are named defendants in a federal lawsuit alleging that PCRI is actually a broker for puppy mills, and not a rescue operation. It is also alleged that this fraudulent collaboration between them constitutes a puppy mill network. Ultimately, the owner of Puppy World closed up shop three months after opening and left Arizona as fast as he arrived; but not before leaving yet another citizen (from Phoenix) with a sick puppy who died shortly after the store was shuttered. A necropsy report showed that the dog had only one lung. Even though the purchaser had a contract promising store credit for any situation such as this, she could not get any response after leaving several messages for the former Puppy World owner. Needless to say, her financial losses were in the thousands and her only hope of recovering those losses is by being a party in the lawsuit, which is in progress at this time.

There have been many similarly tragic situations such as this due to the sourcing of animals from these large-scale breeding operations. It is, indeed, a national problem, and the chronically underfunded USDA is ill-equipped to monitor the situation properly.

Looking at the bigger picture, statistics clearly show that animal populations are out of control with countless animals being euthanized each and every day because their numbers are far

greater than the available homes that might take them in. The last thing we need is more breeding of similar animals. Virtually any breed of dog/cat/rabbit can be obtained through legitimate breed-specific rescue groups and non-profit shelters.

In 2009, after a revealing campaign by a national animal protection group that opposes puppy mills, both Petland stores closed in Tucson. We were actively involved in that campaign. Our active opposition to mill-style breeding of animals has continued ever since, with our focus now on several stores in Phoenix and Tucson that source their animals from mill-bred operations.

I know I SPEAK for our entire membership when I urge you and the rest of the Cochise County Planning & Zoning Commission to deny the Special Use Permit that would allow the inception of mass breeding of puppies and kittens in southern Arizona. Such action would only exacerbate an already overwhelming problem. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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From: vulkanpuki@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Beverley Bennett
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 4:27:07 PM

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April 30, 2021

Robert Kirschmann, Planner
Cochise County Planning & Zoning Commission, Arizona
Submitted via email: rkirschmann@cochise.az.gov

Re: Oppose Special Use Authorization for Breeding of Savannah Cats
Docket SU21-14; Commission Meeting on May 12, 2021

Dear Mr. Kirschmann:

On behalf of the Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance (BCSA), whose membership is comprised of reputable sanctuary operators and highly regarded national and international partner organizations, we write to urge you to deny the proposed Special Use Authorization for a breeding facility for Savannah cats by applicant Chance Mason (Docket SU21-14 for the Commission Meeting on May 12, 2021).

The proposal for this Special Use Authorization raises serious concerns, including the following:

Lack of experience with exotic species and their hybrids
The applicant states that he has extensive experience in the husbandry of dogs, cows, and pigs. However, Savannah cats are not your average domestic house cat. They are exotic hybrid felids resulting from the breeding of an African Serval – a wild and extremely powerful carnivore – with a domestic cat. This hybrid requires extensive experience with the breed in order to provide the specialized care they require and to understand just how dangerous these animals can be to their owners/breeders and the public.

Questions about adequate veterinary care and disease prevention
Many veterinary offices will not provide care for exotic hybrids and, if they do, it is extremely expensive. This suggests that Savannah cats held by a breeder may not receive the care they require, potentially causing suffering and even death. Vaccinations, including rabies vaccines, have not been approved for these exotic hybrids since it is not known if the standard veterinary vaccines will protect them. Although they may be administered to hybrid cats, there is no proof of effectiveness. Conceivably, escaped Savannah cats could be a source of disease.

Danger to people who keep Savannah cats and the community
Aggression is common in hybrid cats, including Savannahs. Due to their inherently wild nature, they may act in unpredictable ways, including "turning" on and attacking human members of a household and other animals in the home. If allowed to roam outdoors, or by escaping, they may attack other animals,

including cats and dogs. Such an attack can cause serious injuries. The wild tendency of Savannah cats cannot be bred out of them in a few generations – or even decades. Consider that it has taken centuries to produce the domesticated cats that we know today. For these reasons, Savannahs are viewed as a threat or concern for the community in which they live. Several states and communities across the country have enacted bans or require a special permit to own Savannahs as pets.

Extensive health and breeding problems
Even for a breeder experienced in exotic hybrids, of which the applicant is not, Savannah cats are prone to extensive breeding and health problems. Hybrids result from the breeding of two species that never would have naturally mated. Pregnancies can result in fetuses that are aborted or absorbed by the mother's body, because the body recognizes the pregnancy as unnatural. Kittens are often born prematurely due to the variation in gestation periods between wild and domestic cats. Common health problems for exotic hybrids include painful irritable bowel disease (IBD) that causes chronic diarrhea, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, progressive retinal atrophy, tritrichomonas foetus (a parasite), and luxating patella.

High rate of owner surrender to local shelters
Hybrid cats are turned into shelters or big cat sanctuaries at a high rate due to problems with aggression, and urination and spraying in the home. Savannah cats are extremely territorial and prone to marking and other destructive behaviors. Their enclosures require much more cleaning and sterilizing than a domestic animal or livestock. Owner turn-ins place a financial burden on local shelters and sanctuaries alike. In fact, many of our member sanctuaries care for Savannah cats that have been confiscated or surrendered, such as Sarge who was surrendered directly from a breeder who couldn't sell him due to one of the congenital problems noted above, or Violet who was also surrendered to WildCat Ridge Sanctuary (WCR) in Oregon because her breeder was afraid of her. Many of our member sanctuaries have Savannahs that were captured after escaping or being let free by their owners or breeders, and others were surrendered due to their marking and aggressive behavior.

Based on the experience of our sanctuary members who have rescued Savannah cats, we strongly discourage the breeding of hybrid cats due to health, welfare, and public safety concerns. Therefore, the Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance strongly urges you to deny the proposed Special Use Authorization for breeding of Savannah cats.

Please contact me with any questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Kathy Blachowski

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From: Nathan Petersen
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Dog breading business for Chance Mason
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 4:54:08 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Hello Robert,

My name is Nathan Petersen and I am writing you to support Chance Mason and his desire to start a dog breeding business in Elfrida, AZ. I know Chance Mason well and believe that he would provide the utmost care to the dogs that he intends to breed. I have spoken to him in great length about his intentions with regards to breeding dogs, and he wants to build a large shelter for housing of the animals as well as provide veterinary care by a licensed veterinarian and have a staff of 5 to 6 people. He will also monitor food, water, and grooming of the animals daily. I believe that he should be allowed to breed dogs as a business in the same manner that a rancher would raise cattle, goats, chickens ect. for resale. I appreciate your consideration and assistance in Chances ability to start his business.

Thank you,

Nathan Petersen

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From: tgoforth@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tiffany Goforth
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To:	Kirschmann, Robert
Subject:	Re: Su21-14 (Mason)
Date:	Friday, April 30, 2021 6:58:23 PM
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Mr. Kirschmann,
My name is Jennifer Demchuk. I am a resident of Cochise County at 403-55-03100. I also help run a small foster-based rescue. I have some concerns regarding the request for a special use authorization from Mr. Chance Mason. I do not think the Mason's have the intention of becoming a puppy mill. My concern is that according to their application, there are a multitude of red flags that lead me to worry about the long-term welfare of the animals as well as the burden on the local rescues and shelters that may arise out of these kennels. Please bear with me, as I go through my reasoning.

My Concerns and Questions:

1. Buyers will not be allowed on property. Local buyers will be met off-site. According to the AKC tips for choosing a responsible breeder, meeting the breeder in the kennel or their home as well as meeting the parents of your chosen pup is recommended.

2. Puppies will be shipped sight unseen to buyers. Nothing is stated about what the requirements are to purchase a puppy, except money. In addition, two of the breeds are brachycephalic making shipping hazardous to their health if not properly supervised. It has also come to my attention that the Mason's and their business partners,the Asher's, through screenshots that Chance Mason has shared on my social media posts, as well as comments being made on my Facebook page, the Asher's do not believe in the use of crates. Crates are the safest means of restraint in transporting animals. Since brachycephalic breeds are banned from most airlines, that leaves ground transportation. How do they plan on safely restraining the animals being sold and shipped? I have attached some screenshots of Mr Mason's thoughts on transporting puppies in crates from a screen shot he shared of some puppies that I had found wandering down a road while I was driving. I also attached some of Crystal Asher's (I'm not entirely sure who she is but I do assume that she is related to the third property owner) thoughts on some kennels from a vets office.

3. To rectify barking, bark collars will be utilized. Incessant barking is a sign of stress, anxiety, and boredom. Training and providing enriching mental stimulation (all effective at keeping the noise down) was not mentioned just the bark collar. Do they plan on spending the time to train their breeding animals and to give them the mental stimulation that they require for living in a 10x10 kennel for the majority of their lives?

4. On the site plan, outside areas are indicated that they will be used for the animals to have exercise. What is the guarantee the animals will be allowed out of their kennels, without people allowed on site to see? No plan to provide solid shade was indicated on the site plan. Is there temporary or natural shade in the outside areas? Again, two of the breeds are Brachycephalic making the heat in southern AZ a health hazard.

5. While they plan to start with a lower number of breeders (6), they do plan to increase that number up to 40 breeding females. At what age do they plan on retiring their females? The recommended age is 5 to 6 years of age, with litters allowed to be registered up to the age of 8 for the mother. How many times a year will the mothers be bred? What protocols will be in place to ensure the health of the English bulldogs who require help mating? What will happen to the retired females? what will happen with the puppies they cannot sell? Will they be rehomed, surrendered to area shelters or rescues, abandoned or sold? The area animal shelters and rescues are already overwhelmed with strays, dumped animals, and the owner surrenders. The increased burden to these organizations is extreme in attempting to socialize, train, and place commercial kennel breeders .

Behavioral wellness research of commercial kennels shows retired breeding females are over 40% at risk of transition issues when rehomed. That number is astronomical. And that would be because even in a best case scenario, it is hard to meet the behavioral wellness needs of a large number of kenneled animals over weeks or months, much less years, especially with no employees or extra help and just the two main owners and maybe in the future two other employees (according to their application that is what they have planned). It's also incredibly hard to meet the necessary cleaning protocols of that many dogs with so few people.

6. Regarding the ethics of breeding English Bulldogs on a large scale, what OFA health testing is being done prior to breeding? Again, according to the AKC tips for finding a responsible breeder, the breeder will show OFA health certificates of the parents. Around 90% of English bulldogs require c-sections due to dystocia (difficulty giving birth). They can be in distress in as little as 30 minutes. This area is quite low on the number of available veterinarians. There is no emergency vet in Cochise County. And on call mobile vets cannot guarantee they can arrive that quickly in this very rural area. There are no medical facilities in the plan. What is the plan if the bulldogs enter labor in the middle of the night and the vet cannot make it?

7. Corgi's are a working herding breed and can be very drivey requiring a certain balance of physical and mental stimulation. There is nothing to indicate that these needs will be met on the plan or in the letter to the neighbors. They talk of 6 different breeds but do not mention the other three aside from corgis, boxers, and english bulldogs.

8. He claims long-time experience as a breeder. What is his previous track record? He did not provide his previous kennels information. Why? I had planned on reaching out by phone prior to sending you an email with my concerns. But based on their reactions to my social media post that I had made, that I learned about after having some phone issues, I decided that would not be a good idea.

9. No plans given to address behavioral and mental stimulation of both the breeding animals and the puppies. The first weeks of a puppy's life are key in emotional development. They go through their first fear periods with the breeder. How they handle that is key to the lifelong well-being of the animals. The use of puppy raising programs are fairly standard amongst reputable, responsible breeders. There are several options available. Why not share that information unless not planning on using them?

10. And again I go back to the socialization with people, and the behavioral and mental wellness of the animals in regards to the cats. The exotic cats they have chosen (according to the application) need intense socialization as kittens. They do not mention sound proofing to reduce the stress to the cats living so close to kenneled dogs.

11. The fencing is a concern as well. Short field fencing of 4-6 ft tall will not prevent a determined intact male from mating with a female in heat. Invisible fence was also mentioned. What steps will be taken to prevent cross-breeding between the animals on the property and stray or loose intact males? The boxers are also easily able to clear those heights, and intact males are known to wander. What other steps will be taken to ensure that the animals will be kept on the property? Will the breeding animals be wearing invisible fence collars? Animals are known to break through invisible fences to chase prey animals, they will do much more to get to an intact female in heat.

12. They also claim to have plans to expand to 40 breeding females, how many males do they plan on having? will they plan on bringing in outside males or in-breeding? The plans only allow for 36 dogs being kenneled unless they double up on kenneling. But if they do that, where and how do they plan on kenneling the females with litters? Where are the cats to be kenneled? The plan only shows two kennel buildings with no space for cats. Will they be in the home?

13. I also feel that water usage has been grossly underestimated. Depending on how many of what breed, dogs require 1cup per every 10lbs daily, more in heat, and for lactating mothers, and puppies drink more as well. When they have puppies in the kennels, for drinking water alone, they could be using 20-50 gallons on a daily basis. Indicating they only plan on using 50 gallons to clean with on a daily basis. What methods will they be utilizing that will take so little water to clean out 36 kennels? as that will be just over 1 gallon per kennel. How much water will actually be used? How will the water usage affect the neighbors?

14. Another concern of mine, is that this kennel is a puppy mill in the making. A puppy mill is a commercial breeding kennel (large or small) that places profit before welfare. Many of

the red flags and concerns that I have raised indicate that this likely is a puppy mill in disguise. Many people in the area seem to not realize what a puppy mill is. They think because these people are applying for a permit, that automatically means they are not a puppy mill. That is hardly the case as to what a puppy mill is. Many AKC, USDA inspected commercial breeding kennels are puppy mills.

These plans are short-sighted and do not nearly encompass everything that should be considered. It is my opinion that at this time the special use authorization be denied until these matters are addressed or denied in their entirety.

I understand that since this is a rural area and the neighbors have no issues with the kennel, that it is likely the special use authorization may be approved. If that is the case, I would like to recommend the county do multiple unannounced inspections a year as well as requiring the kennel to apply for and receive A Canine Care Certification for commercial breeding kennels from Purdue University Vet school to ensure that it remains a facility that Cochise County can be proud to lay claim to.

Thank you for reading and I hope you take my concerns seriously.

Jennifer Demchuk

Here are some pertinent links that I referred to in my email.

1. https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/9-tips-finding-working-responsible-breeder/

2. https://vet.purdue.edu/discovery/croney/files/documents/rehoming.pdf

3. https://vet.purdue.edu/discovery/croney/current-research-welfare-breeding-dogs.php?fbclid=IwAR2WmC-WO-thhGXPE2-w7GoD7RbQ9tVII7sCdaWZ38hpEjzwtvI_XzFhdYQ

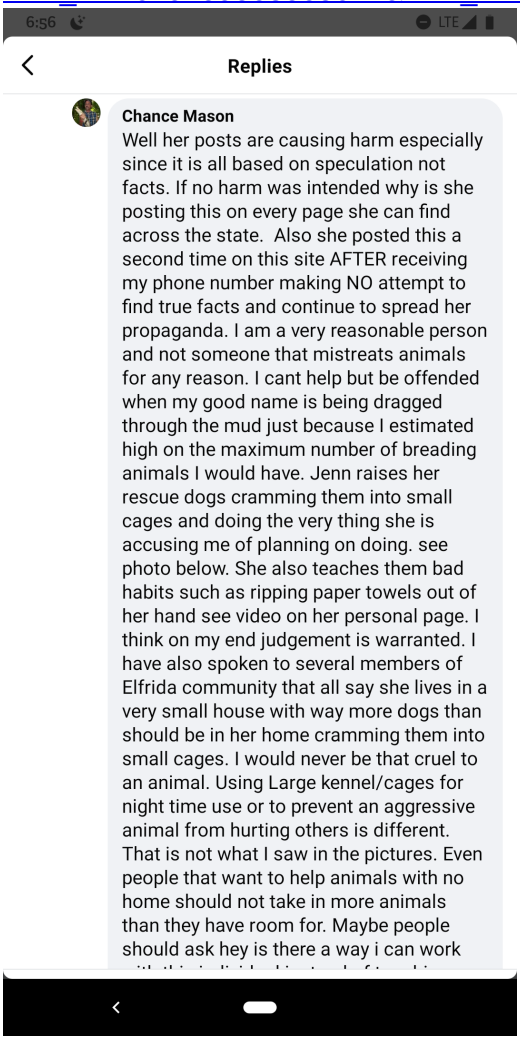
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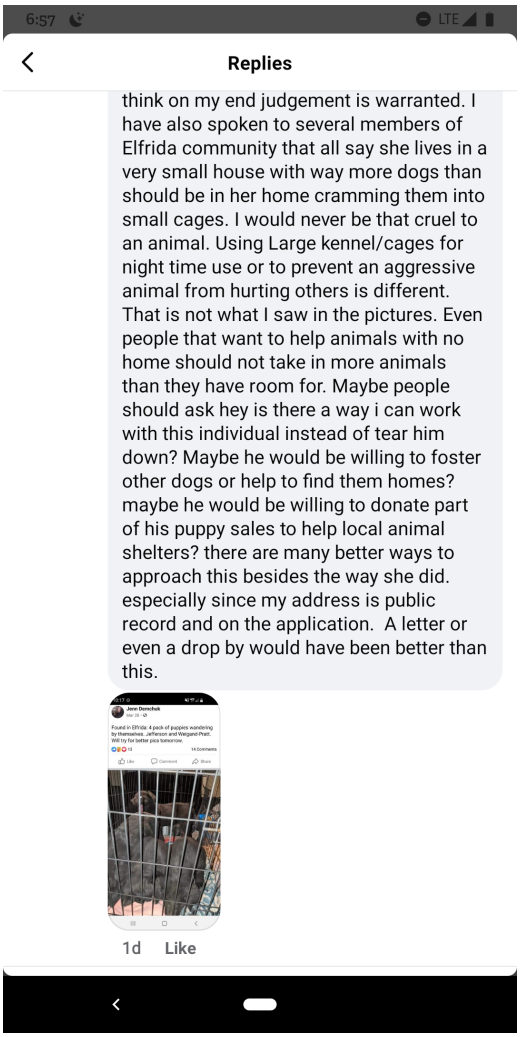
5.Raising-Awareness-about-English-Bulldog-Health-Problems

6. Canine Care Certification for commercial kennels by Vet Purdue- ccc

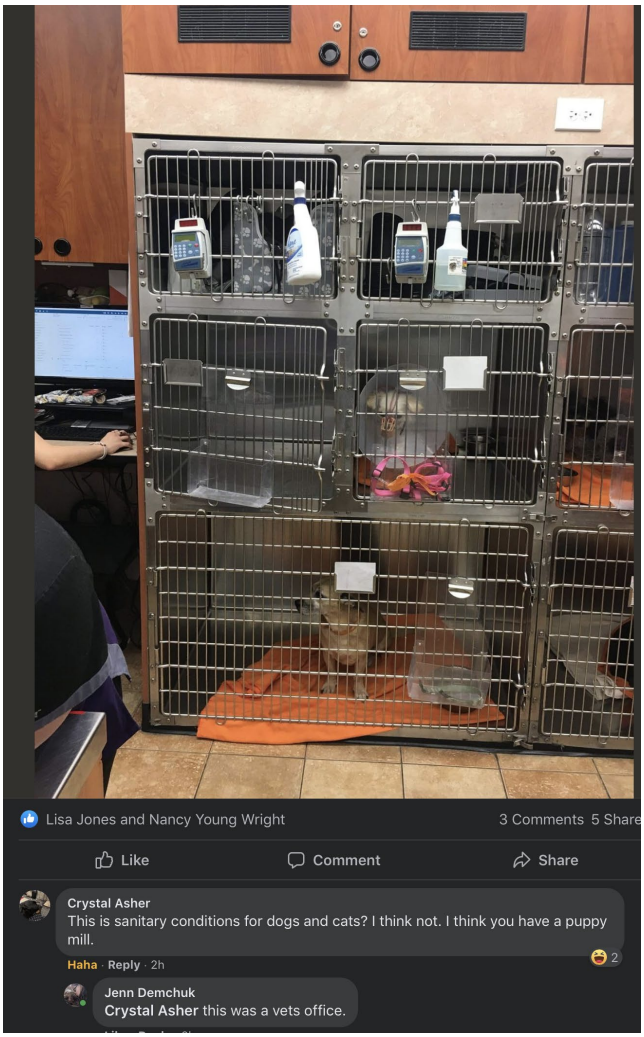
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1 and 2. Screenshots of comment by Chance Mason about the use of crates while showing a screenshot of found puppies, crated in my car immediately after being picked up out of the road at 8:30 at night. As for the post he is referring to, I shared it to three local Cochise County groups. And here is the link to that post, which is basically what I have written here. https://www.facebook.com/jennifer.demchuk/posts/10215311447938605?notif_id=1619239868365642&notif_t=comment_mention&ref=notif





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From: janraven@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jan Raven
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:39:30 AM

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From: 1hopefulspirit@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julia Edgerton
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:23:35 AM

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From: mitchell9353@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Debbie Mitchell
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:22:06 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

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From: shawna.jobusch@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shawna Jobusch
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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From: pznaz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patty Robison
To: Kirschmann, Robert
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From: luvavs96@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellyn Solomon
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
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From: lynn2u54022@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vickie Dailey
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Sunday, May 2, 2021 3:39:29 PM

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From: don.l.scott@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of D Scott
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Sunday, May 2, 2021 6:26:14 PM

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To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Sunday, May 2, 2021 8:29:00 PM

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From: Lisa Stubert
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Proposed dog and "exotic cat" breeding facility in Elfrida
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 12:04:37 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr. Kirschmann,
I am writing to you to express my deep concern over an application by Chance Mason of Mason's Meowers and Barkers Breedery LLC for a Special Use Permit from the Cochise County Planning Department to open a dog and 'exotic cat" breeding facility for up to 40 dogs and an unknown number of exotic cats.

I have been in rescue for over 20 years and have seen time and again these "facilities" which turn into nothing more than hoarders with horrid conditions, no care for the animals, no oversight for what goes on there to name just a few of the issues.

While I understand that the deadline to submit comments for the Planning and Zoning (P/Z) Packet in advance of the meeting has passed, you are still willing to tally responses to this application. Therefore, I respectfully urge denial of this Special Use Permit.

Arizona and local rescues do not need more breeding facilities. We have enough unwanted animals to deal with.

Thank you for your consideration,
Lisa Stubert

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From: k9kate52@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katherine Turner
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 1:23:42 PM

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From: Katherine Robert
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: No more breeders
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 2:23:15 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Hello,
Please do not allow a new breeder to set up business in this area. There are already so many homeless dogs and cats that need care, we do not need another outlet for more unwanted/ discarded pets on the market. Please do not allow them to go forward with their plans.

Thank you,
Katie and David McCabe

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From: Karyn Zoldan
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: proposed dog and "exotic cat" breeding facility in Elfrida - for your consideration
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 2:39:54 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

TO: Honorable Commission Chair Wayne Gregan; Honorable Commissioners

Sounds like a puppy mill. Smells like a puppy mill. Why? Honest ethical breeders want prospective adopters to come to their property, meet with the breeder, ask questions, survey the surroundings and know that each animal's care and welfare was topnotch. Puppy mills use the Internet and social media to ship dogs and/or meet unknowing buyers at Wal-Mart parking lot.

Puppy mills don't allow visitors and often in rural areas or big warehouses – it's a farming operation after all.

What separates ethical/preservation breeders from backyard breeders or puppy mills is their commitment to the breed itself. By showing their dogs, a breeder shows their commitment to keeping their dogs to the standard. How can you tell if your breeder is committed? Ask your breeder what clubs they belong to. Ask them if they do any sports with their dogs such as tracking/scent work or barn hunting or obedience or even good canine citizen awards. Even if they don't show their dogs they should be committed to being part of the local clubs – this requires them to adhere to ethical standards of breeding, and accountability.

Health testing also sets ethical/preservation breeders apart from those just in it to make money. AKC (America Kennel Club) has a list for each breed, of the health tests recommended by each parent club. Can they show you the standards for each breed?

Will there be county oversight by a regulating body? Who is the veterinarian? Will there be proof of timely vaccinations (really important for puppies). Is there a paper trail?

And AKC means nothing. Nothing! Don't be impressed. AKC registration means that the parent dogs were registered, that an irresponsible breeder lied or was mistaken about the breeding that produced the litter, or that an unprincipled breeder was committing outright fraud to raise the value of the puppies. Registration itself is neither a guarantee nor even an indication of quality.

For more comparisons between ethical breeder and puppy mill - please read Puppy Mill vs Breeder: Learn How to Spot a Puppy Mill & Avoid Them!

There are an estimated 10,000 puppy mills in the USA and only about 10 inspectors for the entire country, so enforcement of even the low existing USDA standards is likely to be very low. Heartbreaking! For more information: see: The Horrible 100 Report: https://www.humanesociety.org/horrible-hundred





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`If you read this far, thank you.`

Karyn Zoldan, dog lover

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From: Devon Mason
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Chance Mason Dog Kennel
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 3:29:31 PM

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Good evening,

I just wanted speak on behalf of Chance Mason and advocate for his character and ability to run a dog kennel. I have known him my whole life (as I am his son) and I can assure you that he will do his best to ensure that the job is performed and executed properly. He has a very strong work ethic and cares about animals alike. My father would be sure to avoid any malpractice, mistreatment such as abuse or neglect towards the dog kennel. He will do his best to ensure his animals are cared for and taken care of. I hope you take this into consideration, and thank you :)

-Devon Mason
Cell Phone:970-31401260
Residence: Fort Drum, New York

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From: Lynn Cuny
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Savannah cats
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 3:47:02 PM
Attachments: image001.png

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Dear Mr. Kirschmann,

I am writing to express my concern re an application for the construction of a breeding facility for savannah cats. I am the founder/president of Wildlife Recue & Rehabilitation in Kendalia and San Antonio, Texas.

Over our many years of providing rescue for various species of wildlife and other animals, I have seen any number of these cats who were purchased and then discarded.

Unfortunately there are a great many people who believe that owning a wild or hybrid animal is a novel idea.

Though this is legal in many states it is rarely, if ever, in the best interest of the animals and they, all too often, face uncertain, or worse, futures.

The savannah cat is no exception as these cats behavior is predictably unpredictable and, once they are no longer kittens, they are dumped in shelters or simply abandoned due to their behavior.

Like all cats, the savannah cat will scratch and bite but, being larger and stronger than a common domesticated cat, these actions can result in injuries to the cat's owners and members of the public.

Another concern is the condition of many animal breeding facilities. Though one would think that because the cats will bring money to the facility, that they would be well cared for. The stark contrast to this is usually true.

Animals in breeding facilities are often kept in small runs and live lives that are boring, void of any normal or desired activity or surroundings. Because they are used solely for profit, the overhead, otherwise known as animal care, is kept to a minimum.

It is my sincere hope that this application is denied and that the construction of yet another breeding facility for hybrid animals does not go through. I would appreciate it if you would include my comments in the commissioners 'packet.

Thank you.

Lynn Cuny, Founder/President
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From: brandycat32@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brandy Johnson
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 8:03:06 PM

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Dear Planner Robert Kirschmann,

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Sincerely,
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From: Candace Charvoz Frank
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Proposed breeding facility is harmful
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 11:05:07 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr. Kirschmann,

I ask the commission to decline approval for the proposed dog and exotic cat breeding facility.

Such facilities are not reputable breeders but factories for retail outlets and online selling where animals are poorly bred with minimal medical care, under-socialized and exhausted "used up" breeding animals are discarded.

The end result is overcrowded shelters at taxpayer expense, suffering and homelessness that contributes to over a million companion-animals euthanized nationally primarily because of such breeding operations.

Please decline approval.

Sincerely, Candace Charvoz Frank 520.405.0101

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From: Cloudy Sharp
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Mason dog kennel
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 11:25:27 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Hello Robert,

I have known Chance Mason for quite a few years. He has always treated any reptile or animal with care. He will never have more animals than he can care for properly.

I support Chance's right to have this business.

Thank you
Cloudy Sharp

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Clyde Bigelow
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Possible Elfrida Puppy Mill
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 5:57:57 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Sir,

I am horrified to hear that a potential puppy mill is going up in Elfrida. From what I've heard the person in charge of this mill doesn't answer questions as to what his qualifications are. Even worse, some of the animals in question would have a hard time in the climate here. There is way too much animal cruelty in the world and in this country Where there are so many unanswered questions there should be a thorough investigation to make absolutely sure that this is not a for profit only organization.

Animals, especially certain breeds, acquire their outlook in life early on and we don't know how much damage a for profit organization can do to innocent puppies and kittens. Please, for the sake of intelligent animals don't allow a potential cruelty like this to go through without first making sure it is not a puppy mill. Clearly, the owner is not being forthright which should tell you he has something to hide. Don't let helpless animals become victims of a person who just wants to make money. People have to speak for the animals because they cannot. Please don't allow a horrible cruelty like this to happen. Although Elfrida stands to lose face from this, the most important thing is the rights of the animals not to be exploited by unscrupulous individuals.

Sincerely,

Clyde Bigelow

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From:	Karen Michael
To:	Kirschmann, Robert
Subject:	Re: Proposed Animal Breeding Facility in Elfrida
Date:	Friday, April 30, 2021 7:17:14 PM
Attachments:	Outlook-4w335g54.png Outlook-mxb31gfl.png

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Dear Mr. Kirschmann,

On behalf of the Animal Defense League of Arizona and its thousands of supporters, we request that the Cochise County Planning and Zoning Commission deny a Special Use Permit to Chance Mason of Mason's Meowers and Barkers Breedery LLC to build a large-scale dog and exotic cat breeding facility in Cochise County near Elfrida.

According to his application, Mr. Mason plans to have up to 40 breeding female animals in his facility. We believe this will put additional strain on already overburdened humane societies and rescue groups that struggle to address the animal population crisis in our communities. Tens of thousands of unwanted animals die in Arizona shelters each year. ADLA believes that many problems that confront companion animals are a result of animal overpopulation, which is why virtually all of our resources are devoted to spaying and neutering. The addition of a large-scale for-profit animal breeding operation only exacerbates the plight of homeless animals in our state. In his application Mr. Mason states that he will 'not run a puppy mill'. However, the term puppy mill refers to any high-volume breeder that puts profit over welfare of animals. There are many unanswered questions in Mason's application including:

> How will he provide adequate veterinary care for large numbers of animals with the limited number of veterinarians and clinics in a rural community? There are no emergency veterinarians in Cochise County. How does he plan to handle medical emergencies or complications with labor and deliveries?
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> While Mr. Mason plans to provide indoor/outdoor pens, the dogs will still be living in high confinement conditions with limited human interaction, especially considering that there will be only a few employees to oversee large numbers of animals.
>
> How long will female dogs or cats be required to breed? How many litters will they be forced to produce annually? What happens to the animals after they are retired from breeding?
>
> Mason states that "any sales will be either shipped or customers met off site. I don't want customers coming to my house." What are his reasons for not allowing

potential adopters to visit his facility? How does he plan to screen customers that he ships animals to?

In his application, Mr. Mason states that the dogs will be AKC registered. However, an AKC certificate or regulation does not have any legal enforcement abilities. The Planning and Zoning Commission should not approve a large-scale animal breeding operation that it is unable to ensure will be appropriately regulated.

The fact that Mr. Mason's operation will be licensed by the USDA does not provide any assurance of humane breeding practices or good health of puppies sold. The USDA, which inspects commercial dog breeders under weak regulations currently has an estimated 115 inspectors on staff to inspect over a hundred facilities under its supervision, including large-scale agricultural operations, animal research facilities, zoos, and other animal-related operations. Moreover, in 2020 the USDA announced that it was cutting back on inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Relying on an overwhelmed, understaffed agency to regulate large numbers of puppy mills is unrealistic, especially in rural areas and during a pandemic.

For these reasons we request that the Cochise County Planning and Zoning Commission deny the Special Use Permit for this proposed large-scale animal breeding operation.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Karen Michael
Secretary, Board of Directors
Animal Defense League of Arizona
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From: erschaue@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elizabeth Schauer
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Monday, May 3, 2021 11:50:46 AM

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Sincerely,
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5. **Impacts to your local shelters and rescues**. We understand that it's your job to consider the impacts a Special Use Permit will have on categories such as Waste, Traffic, Noise, and Water. We urge you to also consider the impacts of the fiscal burden to public and private shelters that a facility like this can cause. Rescues and shelters from Tucson and Phoenix already respond to animal placement needs in Cochise County. The applicant states this operation will generate sales tax for the County, but since it appears to be more of a wholesale shipping operation which implies out of state buyers, the sales tax would be collected somewhere else, leaving the County with a predicted **net loss** once enforcement and the spill over into shelters and rescues is factored in. If the operation grows beyond the scale that's suggested, and it fails, organizations that step in to rescue the animals will have to spend thousands of dollars to provide veterinary care, housing, transportation, and placement for the animals.

The breeding mothers, once used up, aren't wanted by breeders. Rescues routinely take in the older mothers who show signs of neglect: tumors, matted coats, and rotten teeth. Most rescues are run by volunteers who raise the funds for the needed care, then work to find them homes. Obviously, it's harder to find home for senior dogs and cats who may be unsocialized after spending their entire lives in an institutional type setting. Genetically compromised and sick animals are sometimes associated with operations like this, and rescues can spend thousands of dollars to address the medical needs. What will happen to the puppies and kittens who are born with obvious genetic defects and others that can't be sold, or sold "in time"?

The estimated costs of taking ***one*** animal into a shelter system range up to **$450.00** to cover vaccines, spay/neuter surgeries, boarding, and staff. While it's nice to think that "purebreds don't

wind up in shelters", the reality is that 20%+ of all animals in shelters are "purebreds". They wind up in rescues and shelters for the same reasons other animals do: the owners moved, got divorced, had a new baby, passed away, or decided a pet was too much work.

Additional Red Flags in the application:

Number of animals planned is vague: The applicant states that he intends to "***not exceed 40 breeding adult animals***", yet the Legal Description states "***up to 40 breeding females.***" Which is it? Are the female breeding cats, or Queens, included in that number? 40 female dogs, if bred twice a year with an average of five puppies per litter, could produce 400 puppies a year. Cats can start breeding when they are six months old, and have three litters of five kittens a year, so the original six kittens, if used for breeding, can produce 30 kittens quickly, and 80-90 kittens could easily be present within a year. At any given time, there could be 100 dogs and puppies, at least, contained on the buildings on the one acre. This is an intensive use.

Phasing in: The timetable for phasing in the additional animals is vague. He states he will start with two buildings, each with 18 indoor outdoor kennels. Will he build the same kind of kennels for the additional dogs? Or does he plan to start using a different, more intense type of kenneling?

Cat Information: Details about how the applicants plan to care for the cats is missing in the application. What kind of cat housing will be used in the Cattery area? Is a separate building planned for the cats where they will be separated from the sight, sounds, and smells of the dogs, as they should be? Will they only have small cages, or will there be a larger safe area for the cats to use for exercise, sunlight, and fresh air? Cats have their own special requirements. What kind of enrichment for the cats will be provided? Will the cats be shipped alongside the dogs? While the applicant has expressed general experience with dogs, no experience is stated regarding cats. The applicant specifically mentions Savannah cats, an exotic hybrid, which because of their direct lineage to wild African cats, are outlawed or regulated in eight (8) states in the US. Responsible, knowledgeable breeders state which level of 'domestication' they breed (F1-F5).

Staffing: The applicant states they don't plan to hire any help to care for these animals right away. By our estimation, there could be 100 dogs living on one acre and running on the full 25 acres. That's a lot of intensive use and cleaning of animal waste for just two or three people to handle every day, let alone providing enrichment and exercise.

Isolation ward: None is listed. Where will the sick dogs and cats be housed so they aren't in proximity to the healthy dogs? Will there be separate ventilation for any Isolation area? What kind of heating and cooling will they have? Even in Southern Arizona, winters can be quite cold.

Fire Protection: Will these barn type buildings have commercial grade sprinkler systems to protect the animals in case of a fire?

Applicant's history: What breeding facility did he work at before? Was it found to have violations by the USDA? Does he possess the required USDA permit to ship the animals?

A Special Use Permit, once granted, runs with the Land. Once granted, this parcel will be an attraction to someone else who might have lower standards and different ideas to move in and run an even more intensive operation. Does the County have adequate staff to monitor what happens in the future with this operation and this property?

Large scale breeding facilities such as this aren't humane. Although the applicant states he will "not run a puppy mill but a high-quality animal husbandry business", the facts suggest otherwise.

Thank you for your service on the Commission and for taking the time to consider our letter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Young Wright

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5. **Impacts to your local shelters and rescues**. We understand that it's your job to consider the impacts a Special Use Permit will have on categories such as Waste, Traffic, Noise, and Water. We urge you to also consider the impacts of the fiscal burden to public and private shelters that a facility like this can cause. Rescues and shelters from Tucson and Phoenix already respond to animal placement needs in Cochise County. The applicant states this operation will generate sales tax for the County, but since it appears to be more of a wholesale shipping operation which implies out of state buyers, the sales tax would be collected somewhere else, leaving the County with a predicted **net loss** once enforcement and the spill over into shelters and rescues is factored in. If the operation grows beyond the scale that's suggested, and it fails, organizations that step in to rescue the animals will have to spend thousands of dollars to provide veterinary care, housing, transportation, and placement for the animals.

The breeding mothers, once used up, aren't wanted by breeders. Rescues routinely take in the older mothers who show signs of neglect: tumors, matted coats, and rotten teeth. Most rescues are run by volunteers who raise the funds for the needed care, then work to find them homes. Obviously, it's harder to find home for senior dogs and cats who may be unsocialized after spending their entire lives in an institutional type setting. Genetically compromised and sick animals are sometimes associated with operations like this, and rescues can spend thousands of dollars to address the medical needs. What will happen to the puppies and kittens who are born with obvious genetic defects and others that can't be sold, or sold "in time"?

The estimated costs of taking ***one*** animal into a shelter system range up to **$450.00** to cover vaccines, spay/neuter surgeries, boarding, and staff. While it's nice to think that "purebreds don't

wind up in shelters", the reality is that 20%+ of all animals in shelters are "purebreds". They wind up in rescues and shelters for the same reasons other animals do: the owners moved, got divorced, had a new baby, passed away, or decided a pet was too much work.

Additional Red Flags in the application:

Number of animals planned is vague: The applicant states that he intends to "***not exceed 40 breeding adult animals***", yet the Legal Description states "***up to 40 breeding females.***" Which is it? Are the female breeding cats, or Queens, included in that number? 40 female dogs, if bred twice a year with an average of five puppies per litter, could produce 400 puppies a year. Cats can start breeding when they are six months old, and have three litters of five kittens a year, so the original six kittens, if used for breeding, can produce 30 kittens quickly, and 80-90 kittens could easily be present within a year. At any given time, there could be 100 dogs and puppies, at least, contained on the buildings on the one acre. This is an intensive use.

Phasing in: The timetable for phasing in the additional animals is vague. He states he will start with two buildings, each with 18 indoor outdoor kennels. Will he build the same kind of kennels for the additional dogs? Or does he plan to start using a different, more intense type of kenneling?

Cat Information: Details about how the applicants plan to care for the cats is missing in the application. What kind of cat housing will be used in the Cattery area? Is a separate building planned for the cats where they will be separated from the sight, sounds, and smells of the dogs, as they should be? Will they only have small cages, or will there be a larger safe area for the cats to use for exercise, sunlight, and fresh air? Cats have their own special requirements. What kind of enrichment for the cats will be provided? Will the cats be shipped alongside the dogs? While the applicant has expressed general experience with dogs, no experience is stated regarding cats. The applicant specifically mentions Savannah cats, an exotic hybrid, which because of their direct lineage to wild African cats, are outlawed or regulated in eight (8) states in the US. Responsible, knowledgeable breeders state which level of 'domestication' they breed (F1-F5).

Staffing: The applicant states they don't plan to hire any help to care for these animals right away. By our estimation, there could be 100 dogs living on one acre and running on the full 25 acres. That's a lot of intensive use and cleaning of animal waste for just two or three people to handle every day, let alone providing enrichment and exercise.

Isolation ward: None is listed. Where will the sick dogs and cats be housed so they aren't in proximity to the healthy dogs? Will there be separate ventilation for any Isolation area? What kind of heating and cooling will they have? Even in Southern Arizona, winters can be quite cold.

Fire Protection: Will these barn type buildings have commercial grade sprinkler systems to protect the animals in case of a fire?

Applicant's history: What breeding facility did he work at before? Was it found to have violations by the USDA? Does he possess the required USDA permit to ship the animals?

A Special Use Permit, once granted, runs with the Land. Once granted, this parcel will be an attraction to someone else who might have lower standards and different ideas to move in and run an even more intensive operation. Does the County have adequate staff to monitor what happens in the future with this operation and this property?

Large scale breeding facilities such as this aren't humane. Although the applicant states he will "not run a puppy mill but a high-quality animal husbandry business", the facts suggest otherwise.

Thank you for your service on the Commission and for taking the time to consider our letter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Young Wright

Nancy Young Wright
President
Rescue Me Tucson

From: Capas, Carol
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Fw: SU21-14 (MASON) REPONSE
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:48:17 AM

One input on behalf of the Sheriff's Office and will forward others received today.

Thank you,

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Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:45 AM
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Subject: SU21-14 (MASON) REPONSE

Good morning Robert,

I am writing this opposing SU21-14. As a County Animal Control Officer approving this permit and allowing a breeder would undoubtably have a negative effect on the County. Our County already has many issues with having an overload of dogs and cats that come to our shelter unable to be re-homed. Our shelters are full almost year round and we are faced with having to euthanize them due to not being able to get them out of the shelter into loving homes or rescues. Cochise County already has many back yard breeders who become overwhelmed and request Animal Control to pick up the dogs. Cochise County has alarming rates of unaltered dogs and cats which have made our shelters become full constantly. In my opinion even with the best intentions of breeding animals, Cochise County would suffer from approving this permit. As our shelters are already full and I believe allowing this breeder into our County would further jeopardize the shelters. The County has a growing reputation for euthanizing dogs due to not having a large enough shelter and funds to support all the animals that come through. The community openly expresses their anger towards this on social media and I am in agreement with them.

Also in the request it states the public will not have access to this breeding facility. Breeders are known worldwide to have unsanitary conditions for their animals. Many become sick and die due to this issue. Not allowing the public to see the facility to keep the breeders responsible for proper care of this animals would ensure unsatisfactory conditions for the animals. Many breeders will breed the female dogs to death and then throw them away like trash when they become unable to breed. I did not see anywhere stating what he will be doing with the adult animals when they no longer serve him a purpose. Will all these over breed animals wind up in our shelters? Will proper vet care be given to each and every animal at the facility? Will have be a maximum amount of litters each

female will be made to have? These are all serious issues that can be life threatening to the animals.

Strongly opposing this permit,
ACO Amber Linendoll
Cochise County Animal Control

From: lionessafaye@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elise Kelsheimer
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Friday, May 7, 2021 12:34:34 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Planner Robert Kirschmann,

Please do not grant permission for an Elfrida resident to operate a large-scale commercial breeding kennel in Cochise County.

When domestic household pets, are bred in these large scale operations, they are not given adequate socialization and they are often not given the level of veterinary care and testing required for consistent and high quality breeding practices. The result is that the puppies born in such facilities show more signs of behavioral issues such as fear and aggression when they are placed in family homes. Additionally, the parent dogs often suffer in small kennels for most of their lives and are either killed or given to rescues when they are retired from breeding — further contributing to the burden taken on by local rescues and shelters.

While the owner of this proposed kennel has boasted about being an AKC breeder, the Zoning Commission members should know that the American Kennel Club is a dog registration service, and being affiliated with the AKC does not demonstrate that a breeder has prioritized the welfare or the quality of the animals they breed. It only demonstrates that he pays AKC registration fees. In fact, AKC "Breeders of Merit" have been caught keeping dogs in horrible conditions in the past. Furthermore, the AKC has opposed animal welfare legislation across the country, including bills allowing citizens to rescue dogs from hot cars, anti-tethering laws, and they even opposed bills to strengthen the penalties for the most egregious cases of animal cruelty. Affiliation with the AKC clearly does not establish one's credibility as an ethical breeder.

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Here are a couple of examples:

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The Elfrida resident in question is not a member of these specific breed clubs and is planning to establish a large-scale breeding operation just like the establishments these specific breed clubs warn against. The members of this Commission will hear from many Cochise County residents, as well as residents in neighboring counties, asking you to not allow this type of business in our community.

I ask you to please consider the concerns of your residents and take each and every one of those concerns as seriously as you take the desires of this one resident to establish a facility that is not welcome by our community.

Thank you for your attention!

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From: atenkley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carole Ritenour
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 6:37:51 AM

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From: kas@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathryn A Stewart
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 8:30:41 AM

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From: Paula Keith
To: Kirschmann, Robert; Crosby, Tom; Board; English, Ann S; Judd, Peggy; McLachlan, Christine
Subject: opposition to puppy mill and hybrid cat facility
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 5:06:33 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Cochise County

Honorable Commission Chair Wayne Gregan;

Honorable Commissioners and Supervisors:

I am voicing my opposition to special use permit of a hybrid cat breeding facility in Elfrida or anywhere in Cochise County. I support a big cat rescue in Minnesota that is the last refuge for many hybrid cats. People pay a lot of money and are disappointed the poor half wild, have domestic bred cat does not behave like a domestic. They cannot.

The link below is an education about what these cats go through after they are rejected by their owners; owners who paid hundreds if not thousands of dollars. These animals suffer a life that is not wild and not domestic. They have congenital health issues:

- Painful irritable bowel disease (IBD) that causes chronic diarrhea
- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
- Progressive Retinal Atrophy
- Tri-Trichamonas Foetus
- Luxating patella
- Often high corona titers and the only known test for FIP – Feline Infectious Peritonitis (but not always reliable)
- Gingivitis and mouth lesions (most common in Chausie's)

They require special food, special living situations that people are not prepared for. They are also not prepared for the animal to mark its territory on their furniture and refuse to be letter box trained. The animals get shuffled around and euthanized.

We don't need more animal breeders. We need people to adopt, not shop and spay and neuter their animals. Please educate yourself and colleagues on the issue of hybrid cats. I realize the **information is a lot; it is worth the read**. When people know better, they do better. I need you to know better than to allow an animal breeder to profit at the expense of animals. **This applicant is proposing to shipping the animals to the customers. How tragic is that? How TELLING is that he doesn't want customers to see the living conditions! It is in black and white; they are telling you no one gets to see the conditions.**

I respectfully ask you to decline this special use permit.

Paula Keith
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Say No To Hybrid Cats

NOTE: *The Wildcat Sanctuary can no longer accommodate domestic Bengal cats into our program. We cannot keep up with the overwhelming number of calls we receive for hybrid surrender. Our mission is to help wild cats in need and we will accommodate F1 hybrids only if there is room at our Sanctuary.*

Domestic Bengal Cat Policy

Imagine receiving more than 20 calls every month from owners begging you to take in their little Bengal cat. Their cat's become too much to handle or he/she urinates throughout the house. How would you feel when time and time again, you had to say "no" – you had to explain the reality of the situation? This is what we deal with on a regular basis at The Wildcat Sanctuary.

The breeders don't have to answer these calls, though they've caused the problem. But we, and countless other shelters, have to. **This is why we advocate No More Wild Pets as an important part of our mission and we want to end hybrid breeding.**

Now, the calls for Bengal cat rescues have become overwhelming and therefore, we can no longer accept Bengal cats for placement at the Sanctuary.

What's life like with a hybrid cat like a Bengal?



There are millions and millions of perfectly wonderful domestic cats at shelters waiting to be adopted, so it's frustrating to find people opting to pay thousands and thousands of dollars for exotic hybrids like Bengal cats. Why do this?

These cats end up behaving just as they're genetically programmed to – "wild!" Owners are led to believe they'll bring these little wild ones home, give them a litter box and they'll live peacefully with others in their homes. That's not the case at all, as you'll see when you read all the information we have below about hybrid cat species.

How to create a home for your hybrid cat



So many of these desperate callers love the setups we have for our hybrids and Bengals here at the Sanctuary. It's easy to duplicate these in your backyard or attach to your garage for your Bengal cats.
Your cat doesn't need to be given away. And, more importantly, they don't need to be euthanized for behavior that was easily predictable. You spent so much money to acquire them. Don't they deserve a bit more so they can enjoy life?
Giving up your Bengal cat is traumatic for you, your family, and for your cat. By investing a bit more time and money, you can give them a suitable environment that meets their needs, just like we do here at The Wildcat Sanctuary.

As the pictures show, our hybrid cats live in temperature-controlled sheds/bungalows that we've adapted for their enjoyment. You'll see perches, beds, washable walls, litter boxes, and food inside the buildings and a cat door that allows them access to an outdoor area. These outdoor areas are securely fenced, with a roof.

Ramps, hanging toys, landscaping, water features, and hammocks allow the cats to fill their days with endless enjoyment. Some of our volunteers' favorite times are spent playing with the Bengals and hybrid cats.
The bottom line is, you made the decision to acquire something with a wild personality. They're active, vocal, mischievous, and they love water. Why, then, give up your cat for the things that originally drew you to them?
Please make the commitment to give them what they deserve – a safe, enjoyable home that meets ***their*** needs.
You won't change their wildness, but you can learn to live with it and enjoy many years of happiness together. You purchased a hybrid cat in hopes of a life-long companion. Do the right thing now and provide them the life you promised, right in your own backyard.

How's a domestic Bengal different from an F1 Bengal?

The Bengal cat breed resulted from cross breeding an Asian Leopard Cat (ALC-Felis bengalensis) with the domestic cat (Felis catus). The first three filial generations (F1 – F3) of these hybrid animals are referred to as the "foundation" generations.

 A Bengal cat with an ALC parent is called an F1 Bengal, short for first filial. They eat raw meat and will almost never use a litter box once they reach maturity. These hybrids are often prohibited and regulated by state, city and township laws such as in MN, IA, etc.

An F1 then bred with a domestic male produces an F2, or second filial. Kittens from an F2 female and another domestic cat are then termed F3. Kittens from a subsequent F3 mating with a domestic are F4s. The F4 and later generations are considered domestic cats, but still have many behavioral and health issues due to the hybridization.

Can breeders control wild tendencies through breeding?

Breeders market hybrid cats as 'lap leopards' and say they have the look of the wild and personality of the domestic. However, genetics do NOT work this way. Breeders cannot choose which elements you get of the wild or domestic cat.

The Wildcat Sanctuary receives more calls from owners wanting to surrender Bengal domestic cats than all other wildcats and hybrids combined. The most common reason is not using the litter box, especially when housed with other animals.

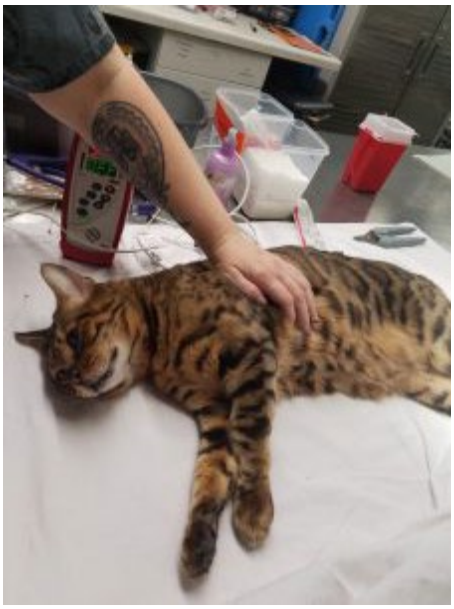
We love the Bengals and hybrids we care for and we accept the soiling and behavioral problems that most people deem inappropriate pet behavior.

Other common hybrid cats that are being surrendered at an alarming rate are:

- Bengals (Asian Leopard Cat – Domestic Cat)
- Savannahs (Serval – Domestic Cat)
- Chausies (Jungle cat – Domestic Cat)
- Safari (Geoffroy's cat – Domestic Cat)

Hybrid health issues

Hybrids, whether early generation or domestic, often have the following common health issues, which can be expensive and leave the owner feeling helpless:



- Painful irritable bowel disease (IBD) that causes chronic diarrhea
- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
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Our Bengals and hybrids at the Sanctuary accumulate our highest veterinary costs because of these common health issues. They also take the most time for our keepers due to the clean-up of their indoor areas due to spraying and soiling.

Adopting a hybrid cat

The Wildcat Sanctuary is against hybridization, but we understand Bengal domestic cats are legal in most states and many are displaced and in need of a home.
We recommend any prospective owner adopt from a rescue group as well as research breed information from sanctuaries and many other resources versus just breeder sites. Adopting a Bengal from a rescue group will be valuable since the social and litter box behaviors have already been assessed.
If you choose to bring a Bengal cat into your family, you must be committed to the breed and the behavior of the breed. Even the small handful of Bengals that don't have litter box issues are active, vocal, love to play in water and mischievous. It takes a unique owner, willing to provide a lifetime of care to an animal that will run the household.
TWS does not agree with any purchase or adoption of hybrid generations (F1-F3s) given the wild nature, behavior and health issues associated with these cats.
Domestication happens over 4,000 years. Not just with a few generations of breeding hybrids**.**
Wildcats are solitary by nature except for the African lion. At maturity, they lose all

alliance to their wild parents in order to survive. They'll even challenge parents and siblings for territory and dominance.
This also happens in captivity. Once the wild or hybrid cat reaches maturity it will 'turn' on its owner or other animals it lives with. It will want to mark territory by spraying and urinating, even if it's neutered or spayed.

What if I need to surrender a Bengal or hybrid cat?

The Wildcat Sanctuary is a sanctuary for wild and hybrid cats. Due to the overwhelming number of calls we receive, we can no longer accommodate domestic Bengals. Only F1 foundation cats will be considered for permanent sanctuary. Domestic shelters will not accept hybrids into their programs and most wildcat sanctuaries do not accept hybrids either. This leaves little alternative for these cats.
If you plan on contacting TWS regarding surrendering a cat, please review the following information. All requests will be considered on a case by case basis.

- Owner will pay for transport costs to TWS
- Health certificate within 10 days of transport is needed
- The cat must be spayed/neutered at the cost of the owner
- Blood profile including a corona titer must be performed
- Surrender form must be completed and signed
- Annual sponsorship or intake fee will be requested

What other options do I have?

When TWS takes in rescues, the animal's behavior and habits do not change. If the cat urinated in your house, he/she will continue to do so at TWS. The difference is we are committed to providing life time care for the animal and adjust the environment around them.



If you have purchased a Bengal or hybrid cat and own it legally, you should do the same. **The best thing is for you to provide a fully-enclosed, outdoor area with access to a heated den like a garage or insulated shed**.
Yes, this may cost a few thousand dollars, but it is amazing that owners pay upwards of $4,000-$8,000 for these cats but won't put that into the cost of caring for the animal nor provide the same amount of funding for a sanctuary to care for the cat. Euthanasia should not be an option for a behavior that is common to the breed and easily researched. For example take the Siberian husky. When a person adopts a Siberian husky they shouldn't be surprised that the dog barks, jumps fences, digs and runs away off leash when this is typical breed behavior. There are exceptions to the rule, but anyone adopting this breed should expect and be prepared for the typical behavior.

Other hybrid owners have tried to resell the cat to recoup costs. Buyers should beware that if someone is trying to sell a cat, it is probably unwanted due to soiling or behavioral problems that they're not disclosing. This only means the problems will get worse with you.
Remember, there are millions of wonderful domestic dogs and cats in shelters that are waiting to become a life long companion to you. You can save a life by adopting one of these.
You will be much happier that you kept the wild in your heart, not your home, because the idea of owning a wildcat or hybrid is much more glamorous than the reality.

Breeding hybrids – the dark side

If you're familiar with all the controversy surrounding puppy/kitten mills, you won't be surprised to learn those same issues are linked with the breeding of hybrids, too. The following is a snapshot of the dark side of hybrid breeding:



Breeding issues

During the breeding process, domestic cats forced to breed with wild cats can often be killed. Many pregnancies are aborted or absorbed by the mother cat's body when nature determines there is something wrong.
Kittens are often born prematurely due to the variance of gestation periods between the wild cats and domestic cats that have been interbred. Many of the first generation are sterile, especially the males. In some cases, breeders may kill kittens born with an undesirable appearance, or just drop them off at a shelter.

Breeding Conditions

Quite like the controversial issues faced with puppy mills, hybrid cats used for breeding can face the same poor quality of life. Forced to live in a cage the majority of their lives, they are not socialized. Read one case **HERE.**
The cats can suffer from illnesses and live in filthy conditions that are rarely detected since they're not the subject of inspections.

Breeding for Profit

There is no doubt that breeding a hybrid cat that will bring in thousands of dollars tends to naturally attract many whose sole motive is profit. Why breed a "normal"

domestic purebred cat that may fetch only $200 when you can breed a hybrid cat that can bring in as much as $22,000?
This quest for high profits leads many breeders to house too many cats under poor conditions and leads to poor genetics as more and more are interbred.

Permits or Bans

Thankfully, many municipalities have been educated about the danger of having hybrid cats in their communities. When complete bans aren't in place, many towns are requiring special permits in order to own these exotic cats.
Servals, for instance, are extremely efficient hunters and killers in Africa. Raising them in captivity in the US and cross breeding them doesn't change this innate characteristic. This is why many areas see them as a threat or concern for the community and why they want to know where they live and who owns them.



The Wild Side

You can NOT breed the "wild" behaviors out of servals, Asian leopard cats, jungle cats, or Geoffrey's cats by interbreeding them with domestic cats for a couple of generations. When a buyer spends thousands of dollars for a wild looking cat, they get exactly what they're paying for – a cat with wild tendencies!
Hybrid cats are known for being extremely destructive. Common complaints are of ruined furniture, clothing, and personal items. **A hybrid marking territory is instinctive, whether it's a male or female, and most owners are unprepared for the reality of living with the smell of the wild constantly surrounding them.**
Hybrids don't always get along with other pets and have been known to hunt them down, even causing injury to neighborhood cats and dogs. The elderly and small children are seen as weak and vulnerable to attack, just as any prey in the wild would be to these cats.
When frustration overcomes the owners, all too often, they look for an easy way out. They'll have the cats euthanized when they can't find a rescue or shelter to take them in. Some have been known to simply set them loose, forcing them to survive on their own. It's a sad, cruel fate for these cats – through no fault of their own.

Health Concerns

Finding a veterinarian to care for an exotic animal is not easy and, when you do, it's expensive!
Hybrid cats have health concerns that aren't normal to domestic cats, including respiratory issues, irritable bowel disorder, and other digestive issues. Vaccinations

have not been approved for hybrid animals since it's not known if regular vaccines will protect them. Many medications don't work on these wild cats either.

Pet Overpopulation

With estimates of over 4 million pets being killed each year in shelters, there is no need to breed hybrid cats. These cats rarely work out as pets. It simply adds to the overpopulation issue in all shelters. If there is a home available for a pet, it should be for an appropriate domestic pet – not a wild animal.

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From: Susan Yakush
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Puppy mill
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 5:13:04 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Myself and my family are absolutely opposed to this “breeding” facility in Elfrida. Please vote NO.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Ginny Francis
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Puppy mill in Elfrida
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 6:25:43 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Please! do not approve the proposed puppy mill in Elfrida. They don't care about the animals, just making money. There are plenty of shelter dogs who need loving homes.

Thank you,

Ginny Francis

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From: Donna Beck
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Puppy and kitten mills
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 11:52:57 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

No puppy and kitten mills, they kill millions everyday! Rescue not buy

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From: Kathleen Pira
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: my 2 cents worth
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 9:30:40 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Willowmarsh

Hello,
I would like to state my strong NO to the proposed puppy mill breeding facility in Elfrieda. We already have too many unwanted pets here, too many strays, and inadequate shelters to deal with them. Breeding produces puppies with abnormalities, cleft palates,

genetic issues, unsellable, unwanted. It would be a step backwards for Cochise Co.
Thank You ~ K. Pira, Cochise

Willowmarsh





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From: christine rhodes
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Puppy and Kitten Facility
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 12:22:33 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr. Kirschmann:

Please acknowledge this message in opposition to the facility that has applied for approval in Elfrida area. This would be an inhumane usage of the property. Helpless animals would be endangered and suffer cruelty.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Christine Rhodes

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From: jlagram@aol.com
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Mason"s Meowers and Barkers Breedery
Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 10:23:17 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Mr. Kirschmann:

I am begging you not to grant a permit to Chance Mason to create what is clearly a puppy and kitten mill. These places are just horrendous for the animals. He may call it a Breedery, but to breed up to 40 dogs and an unknown number of cats leaves these animals at the mercy of a profit-making operation. There are already rescues and shelters in neighboring areas responding to animal placement needs in Cochise County. This facility will only make it worse. "Purebreds" wind up in shelters for the same reasons other dogs do and the breeding mothers, once used up, aren't wanted by the breeder any longer and disposed of in terrible ways.

Large scale breeding facilities such as this aren't humane. They can't offer the appropriate needed levels of care for the puppies and kittens; the animals are kept in small cages often out in the elements - some for their entire livesd - and little or no veterinary care. There are an estimated 10,000 puppy mills in the USA and only about 10 inspectors for the entire country, so enforcement of even the low existing USDA standards is likely to be very low.

I'm also concerned that Mr. Mason says he doesn't want clients coming to his facility and that he'll be shipping animals to buyers. Any reputable breeder doesn't sell to pet stores where there is no regulations and insist on meeting the new "parents". To not have anyone at the facility means nobody will see the conditions the animals are being kept in and that leaves them to the mercy of the breeder. It also leaves dogs open to becoming "bait" for dog fighting if there is no oversight and knowledge of the person receiving the dog.

Please turn down this request. Don't put more animals into a cruel and inhuman situation when we already have so many that need homes and responsible owners. As I said at the beginning, I'M BEGGING YOU NOT TO GRANT THE PERMIT.

Thank you.

Jessica L. Andrews
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From: mexpeb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Raymond Rogers
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Stop the Cochise County Puppy Mill
Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 1:07:28 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Planner Robert Kirschmann,

Please do not grant permission for an Elfrida resident to operate a large-scale commercial breeding kennel in Cochise County.

When domestic household pets, are bred in these large scale operations, they are not given adequate socialization and they are often not given the level of veterinary care and testing required for consistent and high quality breeding practices. The result is that the puppies born in such facilities show more signs of behavioral issues such as fear and aggression when they are placed in family homes. Additionally, the parent dogs often suffer in small kennels for most of their lives and are either killed or given to rescues when they are retired from breeding — further contributing to the burden taken on by local rescues and shelters.

While the owner of this proposed kennel has boasted about being an AKC breeder, the Zoning Commission members should know that the American Kennel Club is a dog registration service, and being affiliated with the AKC does not demonstrate that a breeder has prioritized the welfare or the quality of the animals they breed. It only demonstrates that he pays AKC registration fees. In fact, AKC "Breeders of Merit" have been caught keeping dogs in horrible conditions in the past. Furthermore, the AKC has opposed animal welfare legislation across the country, including bills allowing citizens to rescue dogs from hot cars, anti-tethering laws, and they even opposed bills to strengthen the penalties for the most egregious cases of animal cruelty. Affiliation with the AKC clearly does not establish one's credibility as an ethical breeder.

Ethical breeders do not breed dogs in such large-scale facilities, as reflected in the Code of Ethics for most specific breed clubs.

Here are a couple of examples:

The Bulldog Club of America does not allow their breeders to "sell a Bulldog to any commercial facility, puppy broker, pet shop or agent thereof."

The Corgi Club of America warns Corgi enthusiasts to "not purchase a dog from a pet store or other wholesaler, as there is no way to know about the genetic health or temperament behind this puppy."

The Elfrida resident in question is not a member of these specific breed clubs and is planning to establish a large-scale breeding operation just like the establishments these specific breed clubs warn against. The members of this Commission will hear from many Cochise County residents, as well as residents in neighboring counties, asking you to not allow this type of business in our community.

I ask you to please consider the concerns of your residents and take each and every one of those concerns as seriously as you take the desires of this one resident to establish a facility that is not welcome by our community.

Thank you for your attention!

Sincerely,
Mr. Raymond Rogers
410 3rd St Huachuca City, AZ 85616-9738
mexpeb@sbcglobal.net
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From: jcfred@jcdx2.com
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Cc: Judd, Peggy
Subject: Breeding Facility Elfrida Az
Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 6:50:45 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Good Evening,

I emailed previously, but new information has surfaced. The facility will 'breed and ship', and will not allow any on-site inspections. This should raise red flags to P & Z.

I strongly oppose this facility. I do not live in Elfrida, but I am a resident of Cochise County and do not support a 'puppy mill' business for our county. I volunteer with a local shelter and have been involved in various rescue groups, as well as past President of the Cochise County Humane Society. This facility concerns me.

Thank you in advance,

Jere Fredenburgh
Sierra Vista Az.

"*He who would trade liberty for some temporary security, deserves neither liberty nor* security." Ben Franklin

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From: Jeanne Williams
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: NO to puppy mill - Agenda Item number 5
Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 5:00:04 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

The county has too many abandoned animals without adding to the potential. Better they open a free spay/neuter clinic. Absolutely NO to this Dog and Cat Breeding Facility Special Use Permit.

Jeanne Williams
PO Box 16335
Portal, Arizona 85632

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From: Trisha Barber
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: NO! To Chance Mason
Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 8:33:08 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

We nees to spend money and time educating people to take better care of existing animals and not encouraging large sums of money to new pets.

I've worked at a veterinarian office and seen the results of the supposed breeding facilities which are really puppy mills in Katy Mills. They do not have the resources to care for that many animals the way that they need to be cared for North socialize them so that they will be good animals when they become pets. These people do not deserve To have the request granted.

Kind regards

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From:	Mary Moran
To:	Kirschmann, Robert
Cc:	Judd, Peggy; English, Ann S; Crosby, Tom; Dannels, Mark
Subject:	Proposed puppy/exotic cat breeding facility in Elfrida
Date:	Monday, May 10, 2021 9:17:32 PM

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Dear Mr. Kirschmann;

A few red flags to consider regarding the proposed puppy/exotic cat breeding facility in Elfrida (which i adamantly oppose) :

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I humbly recommend that the Cochise County Board of Supervisors reject this breeding facility due to lack of experience and other concerns above. OR at the very least delay its approval until Mr Chance can address in detail the above concerns, and his background can be investigated.

Thank you Sincerely,
Mary Moran, county animal shelter volunteer
520 216 8701

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To: Cochise County Community Development 5/11/2021
Planning, Zoning, and Building Safety Division
attn: Mr. Robert Kirschmann

From: Teri A Denson (aka Denson Living Trust)
Parcel # 402-28-015Y8

Re: Docket SU21-14 (Mason) A Special Use Authorization to Establish an AKC Dog and Exotic Cat Breeding (animal husbandry) Facility

NO, I do not support this request

I have read the written comments submitted earlier and I share the concerns of others who have filed comments asking that this request be denied.

These include individuals and representatives of the following organizations:
Cochise County Animal Control
Puppy Mill Free Arizona
TailTopia
SPEAK
Big Cat Sanctuary
Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation
Rescue Me Tucson
The Humane Society of the United States
The Wildcat Sanctuary
Animal Defense League of Arizona

It is true that you received many “form” letters opposing this project. However, those letters eloquently describe the issues that are “disturbing” about this project and should not be discounted. Please do not allow this project to go forward.

Thank you.

Teri A. Denson

From: donna campbell
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: Proposed breeding facility
Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 9:29:57 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Mr Kirschmann

I tried to email weeks ago, but my email bounced.
I am very opposed to any breeding facility, anywhere. So many of them turn into horrible situations for the animals. There are already So many animals in shelters. A lot of them put down. So WHY would we want to encourage this.
I know I certainly do not.

Respectfully,

Donna Campbell
8156 E Canada Dr
Sierra Vista

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To:	Kirschmann, Robert
Cc:	Judd, Peggy; English, Ann S; Crosby, Tom; Dannels, Mark
Subject:	Re: Proposed puppy/exotic cat breeding facility in Elfrida
Date:	Tuesday, May 11, 2021 5:28:23 AM

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Dear Mr. Kirschmann;
If I may, two more points:

- Bulldogs require a C-Section when birthing their pups. Will Mr. Chance have a sterile surgical room in his breeding facility? Where is the nearest vet in case of an emergency?
- There is no drainage system listed on the application. Animal shelters require floor drains in each pen and a drainage system by which the feces and urine can be eliminated and then cleaned via chemicals and drained from each pen. As an animal shelter volunteer, ive cleaned many pens and the amount of feces adds up. What is Mr Chance's plan for drainage and disposal of feces in his breeding facility? Without proper drainage/disposal of feces, sickness can spread throughout an animal breeding/shelter facility.

Thank you sincerely,
Mary Moran, county animal shelter volunteer
520 216 8701 cell/text

On Monday, May 10, 2021, 09:17:21 PM PDT, Mary Moran <marymoran777@yahoo.com> wrote:

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From: McGinnis, Cristina
To: Kirschmann, Robert
Subject: FW: Breeding facility
Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 8:12:40 AM

From: KAREN E. FLUHARTY <brkingma@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 7:37 AM
To: Planning and Zoning <planningandzoning@cochise.az.gov>
Subject: Breeding facility

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Barbra Kingman
Tucson

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