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23	I, Kyla Dayton, declare as follows:		
24	1. I am counsel for Defendant	Faith	
25	2. I have personal knowledge	of the truth and	l accuracy of the facts set
26	forth herein, and if called upon as a with	ness, I could con	npetently testify thereto. I do
27	not intend to waive the attorney-client p	orivilege or work	product doctrine by making
28	any statement herein.		
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3. I have visited all four of the websites Plaintiffs cited to in their
complaint. It appears that only <u>thetruthaboutwagmorpets.com</u> website and the
<u>@thetruthaboutwagmorpets</u> Instagram page discuss Wagmor Pets and/or Bacelar.
True and correct copies of the two websites and two Instagram accounts are attached
hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibits "1-4."

4. Based on the general content of the websites and social media pages cited by Bacelar in the Complaint, the issue of public concern is the mistreatment of animals marketed as rescues. The websites and social media pages cited by Plaintiffs contain testimonials, reviews, and posts detailing the way in which Wagmor Pets and Bacelar misrepresent the origin of the animals they market as rescues, their questionable practices regarding spaying and neutering, how medical issues are mishandled, dogs that are prematurely euthanized, and allegations that Wagmor Pets and Bacelar source their animals from breeders at auctions. For example, on <u>thetruthaboutwagmorpets.com</u>, statements and video testimonials show animal mistreatment and misrepresentation related to Wagmor Pets such as:

- "MISREPRESENTING DOG RESCUE HARMS ANIMALS IN NEED OF RESCUE"
- "Ms. Bacelar Provides Medical Care in Her Home in Lieu of Having the Dogs See a Licensed Veterinarian."

 "[Bacelar and Wagmor] also pay Delacruz to provide services to [them]. Delacruz is the "medical coordinator" for WAGMOR PETS NON-PROFIT but often times [Bacelar and Wagmor] elect to have Delacruz provide medical care in leiu [sic] of actually having the dogs see a licensed veterinarian."

• "When an Adopter Returns to Wagmor with a Sick Puppy, [Bacelar] Demands They Sign an NDA in Exchange for Financial Assistance"

On the Instagram account <u>@thetruthaboutwagmorpets</u>, similar statements and video testimonials show animal mistreatment and misrepresentation related to

DECLARATION

Wagmor Pets such as video testimonials from former customers indicating
 malnourished dogs that were not spayed, neutered, or dewormed before being
 adopted.

5. On February 27, 2024, I conducted a search on Google News using the term "Wagmor Pets." Several results came up highlighting various media coverage, news articles, and celebrity involvement with Wagmor Pets. A true and correct copy of the PDF version of the search results is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit "5."**

9 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California
10 that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 28th day of February 2024, at Rolling Hills Estates, California.

Kyla Dayton

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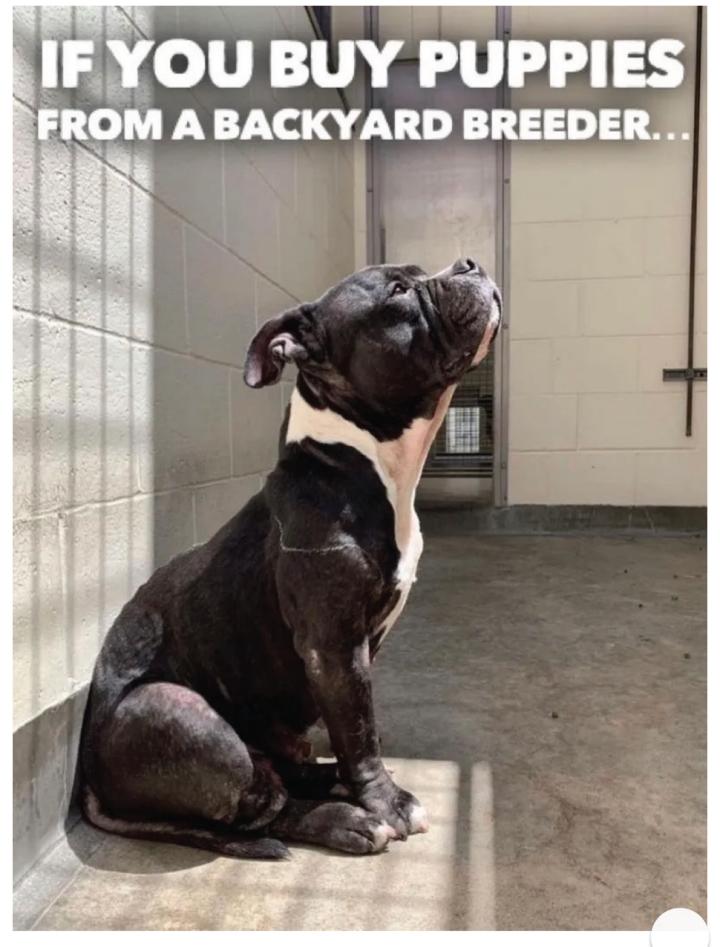
Exhibit 1

Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.16 California's Anti-SLAPP Law

THE TRUTH ABOUT WAGMOR PETS



MISREPRESENTING DOG RESCUE HARMS ANIMALS IN NEED OF RESCUE



Dogs aren't Wagmor's only victims, so are donors, adopters, and supporters.

Our goal is to educate and inform potential donors and adopters.

Adopt animals from a legitimate rescue or, better yet, directly from an animal shelter. Animals in the Animal Shelter System are most at risk of being euthanized. Please see our Rescue Resources Page for helpful information.

Tips submitted through website will be fully vetted and require document to support any claims made. This website isn't a tool for rumors or retaliation; it is meant to inform potential adopters.

This website is a compilation of records and reviews in the public domain.

"BOARDING FACILITY" COLLECTS THE "REIMBURSEMENT FEE"

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	WAGMOR PETS	84-2136684
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RESCUERS BUY DOGS FROM BREEDERS AT AUCTIONS

Documents obtained by an industry source reveal a shadow market:









- Commercial breeders produce specialty puppy breeds.
- 2 The breeders sell their puppies at auctions, often to rescue groups.
- The dog rescuers put the puppies up for adoption as rescue dogs.
- The customer may not know the dog was bought at an auction.



Write a review

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Wagmor Pets Dog Rescue

11939 Ventura Blvd, Studio City, CA



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This is not going to be a kind review, but truthful. Basically wagmore rescued five Pitbull labrador mixes about a year and a half ago 2 males and a female were left with the person fostering them. We adopted 2 of the 3 .The male that was left with the foster was named dozer. Dozer came down with distemper and start getting convulsions, at which point the owner of Wagmore was notified but did Little or showed no empathy or care for dozer other than saying "oh my poor dear." About 3 weeks later, only after having our pups a month from the same litter, ours Max and phoebe came down with the same sickness of distemper which is foaming uncontrollably at the mouth and uncontrollable convulsions, and basically, after a month of having these babies, we had to let them sleep. A male and a female name phoebe and Max from the same litter.

When we contacted the owner, they did very little or anything remotely Empathetic or compassionate whatsoever. In fact, they almost downright ignored our calls. Although a refund was not the point, they also did not give us a full refund or charge back the credit card for the puppies after we paid for all the veterinary fees and everything on top of the adoption fees which they would not pay. Finally, after struggling with them for many weeks to get a refund instead of crediting back our credit card, (which was a total lie) they paid us through PayPal and did not mark us as a friend, so we lost about a \$100 on that which was very mean and insensitive, all of which the owner of Wagmor never once called to tell us how sorry she was or anything. She completely handled as a business deal. Not even realizing what a traumatic experience we had over losing 2 babies we bonded with and tried to keep healthy through all of their pain for over a month. I do not feel that she takes care of those puppies that she rescues with after care compassion, folow through and/ or even curiosity. Nothing whatsoever. It's strictly a business for her camoflauged in saying "were saving animals" (are you??)and shame on her.

If anybody here chooses to do business with Wagmor that's fantastic to rescue the dogs. But just so you know you're not gonna get any empathy or afyer care calls or anything if something should go wrong let alone if anything goes right. Aagain , YOU WILL NOT GET anything from the owner, because those dogs are strictly a business to her. She gets them and she sells them with super high adoption fees and could care less about what happens and the feelings that people adopting those

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PAYROLL LLC,

CASE NO.: CONO-23-007916

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Plaintiff,

v.

WYLDER'S HOLISTIC PET CENTER, INC.,

Defendant.

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR ADMISSION TO DEFENDANT

COMES NOW Plaintiff PAYROLL, LLC ("Plaintiff" or "Payroll"), by and through the

undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Rule 1.370 of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby

requests that Defendant WYLDER'S HOLISTIC PET CENTER, INC. ("Defendant") admit the

following request for admission within forty-five (45) days from the date of service:

Admit that you signed the written agreement attached to Plaintiff's Complaint as <u>Exhibit</u>
 <u>A</u>.

RESPONSE:

2. Admit that you authorized Plaintiff to file your Employee Retention Credit ("ERC") amendment with the IRS.

RESPONSE:

3. Admit that you knew the estimated dollar amount of your ERC prior to Plaintiff mailing your ERC amendment to the IRS.

RESPONSE:

4. Admit that you amended your federal income tax return for 2020.

RESPONSE:

5. Admit that you amended your federal income tax return for 2021.

RESPONSE:

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PAYROLL, LLC v. WYLDER'S HOLISTIC PET CENTER

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Defendant.

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COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Plaintiff PAYROLL, LLC ("Plaintiff" or "Payroll"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its Complaint against Defendant WYLDER'S HOLISTIC PET CENTER, INC. ("Defendant"), states and alleges as follows:

1. This is an action for damages in excess of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00).

2. Plaintiff Payroll is a Florida limited liability company with a principal place of business located at 8409 N Military Trail, Suite 119, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.

3. At all times material to this action, Defendant was and is a foreign corporation with a principal place of business located at 11939 Ventura Blvd, Studio City, CA 91604.

4. Jurisdiction and venue are appropriate in this action due to a contract between Plaintiff and Defendant and Fla. Stat. § 48.193(1)(a)7.

5. On or about July 13, 2022, Payroll and Defendant entered into a written ERC Agreement (the "Agreement").

6. A true and accurate copy of the Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

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EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDIT

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The Employee Retention Credit (ERC or ERTC) is a complex tax credit for businesses and tax-exempt organizations that kept paying employees during the COVID-19 pandemic either when they were shut down due to a government order or when they had the required decline in gross receipts during certain eligibility periods in 2020 and 2021.

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IRS.gov/ERC

Employee Retention Credit Eligibility Checklist: Help understanding this complex credit

The Employee Retention Credit (ERC or ERTC) is a complex tax credit for businesses and tax-exempt organizations that kept paying employees during the COVID-19 pandemic either when they were shut down due to a government order or when they had the required decline in gross receipts during certain eligibility periods in 2020 and 2021.

The IRS continues to see aggressive marketing that lures ineligible taxpayers to claim the ERC. While the credit is real, many promoters are aggressively misrepresenting who can qualify for the credit. In many instances, the IRS is seeing businesses and tax-exempt organizations being misled by promoters into thinking they're eligible when they are not.

As a reminder, anyone who incorrectly claims the ERC must pay it back, possibly with penalties and interest. The IRS wants to help taxpayers avoid this situation, so they prepared this question-and-answer chart to help employers figure out if they may be eligible for the credit. You can use this chart with someone who is considering claiming the credit or with someone who has already submitted a claim to the IRS.

The IRS is committed to helping taxpayers while preventing incorrect ERC claims and fraud.

Part A: Checking your eligibility

This chart can help a business or other organization quickly decide if they may qualify for the Employee Retention Credit. This is a very technical area of the law, but this chart includes the main eligibility factors. Answer these questions in numerical order to see if you may be eligible to claim the ERC.

	Eligibility questions		Next steps
1.	Did you 1) operate a trade, business or tax-exempt organization and 2) have employees and pay wages to them between March 13, 2020, and Dec. 31, 2021? For more info, see <u>IRS.gov/ercqualified</u> . Note – Household employers are not eligible for ERC.	•	If yes, go to #2. If no, you aren't eligible to claim the ERC. If you incorrectly claimed ERC, see Part C.
2.	Did your trade or business experience the required decline in gross receipts during the eligibility periods in 2020 or the first three calendar quarters (Jan. through Sept.) of 2021? For more info and examples, see <u>IRS.gov/ercdecline</u>	•	If yes, you may be eligible for the ERC. You will need to confirm that your decline in receipts meets requirements. See <u>IRS.gov/ercdecline</u> . If you meet the requirements, skip to Part B. If no, go to #3.
3.	Are you claiming the ERC because of supply chain issues? For more info, see IRS.gov/ercsupply and the IRS legal memo on supply chain disruptions (AM-2023-005), which includes examples.	•	If yes, be extremely cautious. A supply chain disruption by itself doesn't qualify you for the ERC. Carefully review <u>IRS.gov/ercsupply</u> and examples in the legal memo on <u>supply chain</u> <u>disruptions</u> (AM-2023-005). Be sure your supplier's government order meets the criteria in #4; then go to Part B. If you incorrectly claimed ERC, go to Part C. If no, see #4.

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EMPLOYEE RENTION CREDIT FRAUD

FinCEN Alert on COVID-19 Employee Retention Credit Fraud: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's (Treasury) Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), in close coordination with Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation(CI) is issuing this alert to financial institutions2 on fraud schemes related to the COVID-19 Employee Retention Credit (ERC) and is urging vigilance in identifying and reporting related suspicious activity. The ERC was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act as a tax credit to encourage businesses to keep employees on payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic and was subsequently extended and amended three times.

A.B. 485 SOCIAL COMPASSION IN LEGISLATION



REAL TIME WAGMOR UPDATES

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LA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL "DO NOT ADOPT TO MELISSA BACELAR"

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SCIL Social Compassion in Legislation

October 31, 2023

Lawsuit Against Wagmor Pets Highlights Serious Allegations of Laundering Puppy-Mill Bred Dogs!

Over the last few years, SCIL has received complaints from concerned supporters about the business practices of The Wagmor, a for-profit entity, and Wagmor Pets, a nonprofit entity. Concerns raised to us have centered on suspicions that the Wagmor has been flouting California law, <u>AB 485</u>, which SCIL sponsored in 2017, which bans the sale of dogs, cats, or rabbits from pet stores. Additionally, the lawsuit claims that Wagmor is violating a bill SCIL supported in 2019, <u>AB 2152</u>, which restricts paying brokers or breeders for the animals or receiving compensation over \$500 for any adoption fees.

There are many complaints against Wagmor. Thankfully some folks are taking a stand and have started to come forward publicly about their horrific experiences with the company, including dogs being sick with transmittable diseases and instances of dogs dying due to health conditions immediately after being "adopted" from Wagmon

Social Compassion in Legislation

We appreciate the support from Social Compassion in Legislation. Our dedicated work over the years has focused on raising public awareness and uncovering the troubling operations led by Melissa Bacelar, the proprietor of Wagmor Pets Rescue and The Wagmor.

Accuracy is paramount in addressing the unethical activities of Wagmor Pets. The current class action lawsuit specifically pertains to allegations related to backyard breeders, not puppy mills. Clear and precise information is essential for effective resolution.

This has been a prolonged and arduous journey, marked by significant challenges. We acknowledge the attention our efforts have garnered from the press and the public, which underscores the magnitude of our mission.

The misrepresentation of "rescue dogs" as a commercial commodity diminishes the true significance of the term 'rescue.' The procurement of puppies from breeders incentivizes further breeding, directly contributing to the reduction of available homes for dogs in kill shelters. Despite being fully aware of the annual euthanasia of thousands of dogs in municipal shelters, Wagmor continues to misrepresent puppies which they purchased, motivated by high profit margins.

The importation of dogs into California from breeders for profit further erodes the sanctity of the term 'rescue.' This practice exacerbates the crisis in U.S. kill shelters, where millions of animals are euthanized each year. Importing puppies perpetuates the problems in California while promoting designer dogs over mixed breeds commonly found in animal shelters. Furthermore, substantial funds raised under a fraudulent narrative, including the significant profits earned by Melissa Bacelar, could be redirected to address the plight of homeless animals in our local communities.

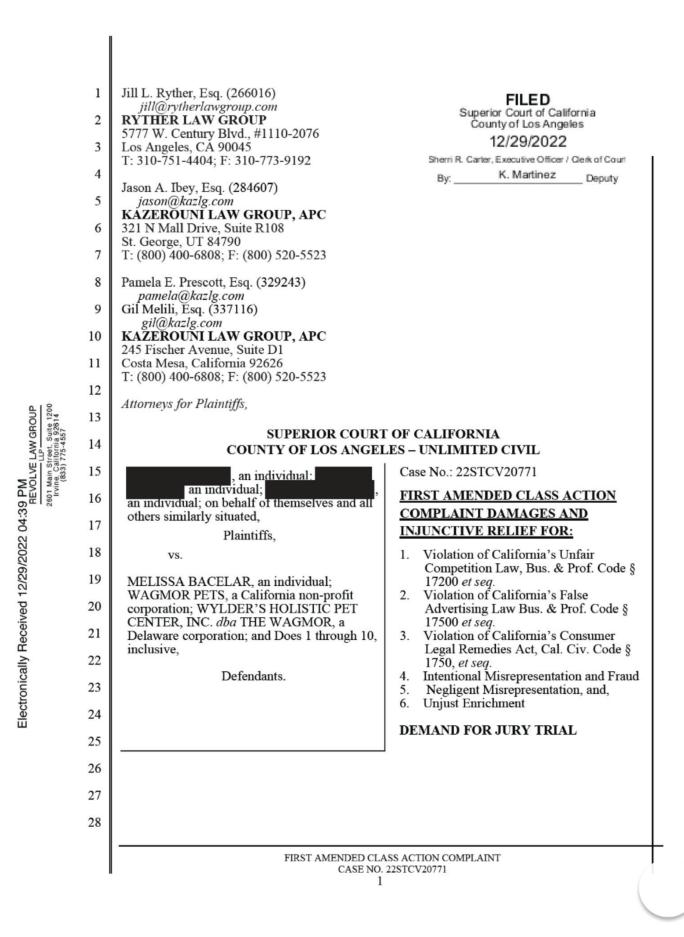
Over the years, we have observed the profound and detrimental impact of Wagmor's operations on both animals and families. The relentless pursuit of justice and heightened awareness has demanded unwavering dedication, often in the face of persistent pressures to stop. In the course of this mission, we have also borne witness to the unfortunate circumstances of individuals who, unknowingly, adopted ailing puppies, many of which did not survive, further underscoring the urgency of our cause in preventing further spread of contagious pathogens and zoonotic diseases.

As we move forward, our commitment to eradicating this unethical trade and securing loving, responsible homes for shelter dogs remains steadfast. The work ahead is far from complete, but with continued support from the press and the public, we can make a meaningful impact on ending such activities.

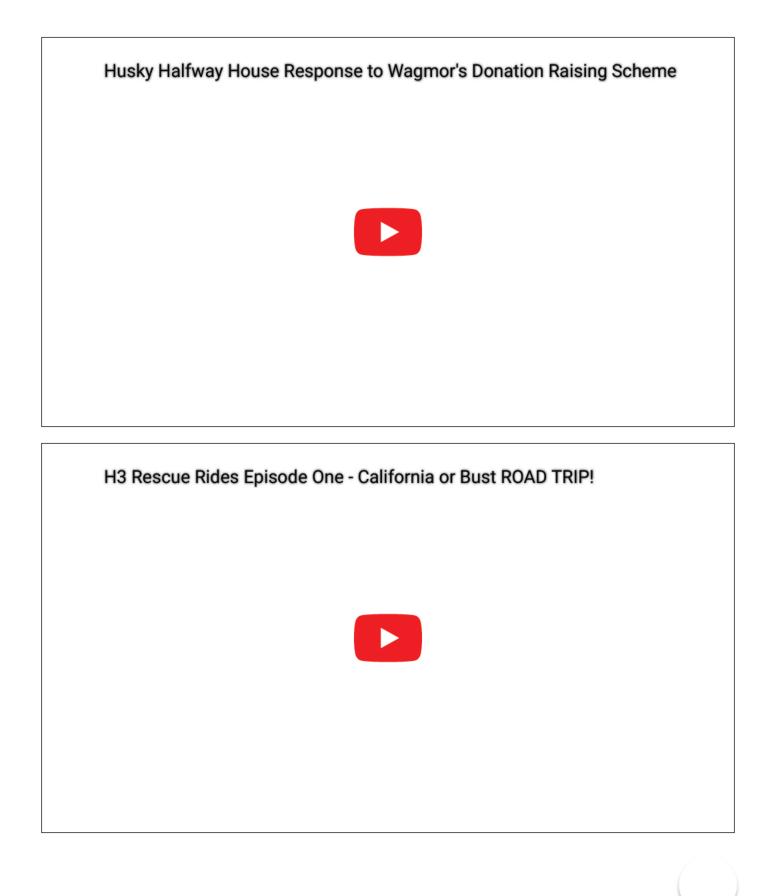
Once again, we thank you for spotlighting our mission. Together, we can serve as a resounding voice for those who cannot speak and labor toward a world free from the atrocities and offenses that equate to a dog's very survival.

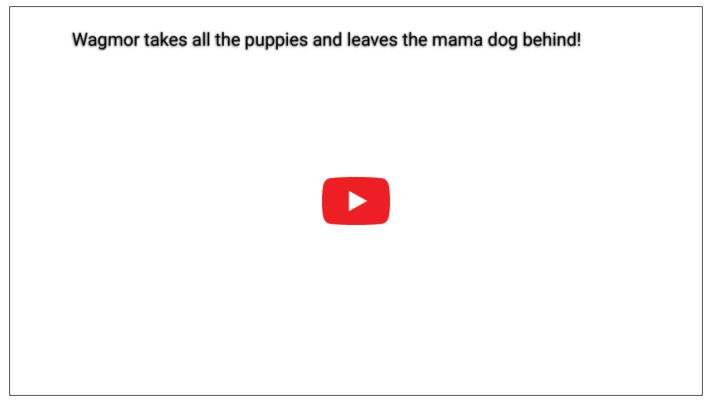
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ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST MELISSA BACELAR, FOUNDER OF WAGMOR

Buys From Backyard Breeders

Melissa Bacelar and Wagmor Pets have more inventory of "surrendered" or "abandoned" puppies than the entire LA County Animal Service System.

FIND OUT MORE

Uses Dog Rescue and Charitable Organization to Embezzle Funds

Melissa Bacelar uses "rescue" as a commodity and 501 c 3 status to collect, literally hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations for her own personal use.

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Neglects to Provide Adequate Medical Care to Puppies Before Adoption

Please review court documents and lawsuit of 8 different people who adopted dogs that suffered from serious fatal & contagious conditions. All but one died.

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ALLEGATIONS OF WAGMOR'S UNETHICAL RESCUE PRACTICES

SENDS OLDER LESS ADOPTABLE DOGS TO SHELTERS & OTHER RESCUES

When Wagmor imports dogs from Mexico or gets dogs from a 'hoarding situation', Ms. Bacelar sends the older, less adoptable dogs to other shelters & rescues up north, keeping the puppies. Often these have serious medical issues and in bad condition.

REPORTS ADOPTERS WHO SPEAK OUT AGAINST WAGMOR TO ANIMAL CONTROL

After learning of their new puppy had Parvo severe that the pup had to be euthanized, the adopter spoke out on social media. Ms. Bacelar allegedly had one of her employees report the adopters to Animal Control for animal abuse.

FIND OUT MORE

CELEBRITY ADOPTIONS & SUPPORT

Celebrities provide Melissa Bacelar credibility and cover for the fraud she commits. Ellen Degeneres, Chrissy Teigen, Kris Jenner, Maya Rudolph, & others. These dogs were purchased for you and not rescued from a neglectful situation.

FIND OUT MORE

CELEBRITIES PROMOTING WAGMOR, DISTRACT FROM AND MASK THE DARK UNDERBELLY OF OPERATIONS:

a. dogs are being purchased and passed off as "rescues," and dogs are notbeing seen by a licensed veterinarian prior to sale;

b. dogs are being medically treated by an unlicensed individual in her home in lieu of proper veterinary care;

c. puppies exposed to parvovirus and distemper are going home with unsuspecting new owne immediately being diagnosed with canine parvovirus; d. puppies are dying and BACELAR is placing blame on the adopters;

e. BACELAR is laundering money meant for WAGMOR PETS NON-PROFIT to her for profit business, THE WAGMOR, and living lavishly;

f. desperate owners who are seeking help from BACELAR to treat their illand dying dogs are being forced to execute non-disclosure agreements in order to receive assistance;

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ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MS. BACELAR INCLUDES MISAPPROPRIATION OF DONATIONS

THE WAGMOR's bank account and uses the funds for her personal expenses. For example, high end clothing and shoes for her and her children (Gucci included),gardening for her home, pool care for her home, tutoring for her children, trips to a MedSpa, LaMer skin products, video games from GameStop, a monthly Peloton membership, vacation

rentals with AirBnB, shoes from Nike, snowboard rentals, orders from <u>www.getroman.com</u>, toys for her children and meals while on vacation at Big Bear Lake, her husband's Audi, school tuition for her children, barbershop haircuts, nail salons, dentistry, housekeeping for her home, camp for her children, and exorbitant monies have been spent throwing lavish birthday parties for her children.

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DESPERATE OWNERS SEEKING HELP TO TREAT DYING DOGS FORCED TO EXECUTE NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS

Allegedly Wagmor Adopts Out Puppies with Parvo. When the adopter reaches out to Ms. Bacelar reporting serious medical concerns, she either pretends she doesn't know anything about it, states no other puppies show signs of illness, or turns around and blames it on the adopter. She continues to adopt out litter mates while exposing healthy puppies to puppies with Parvo. The majority of these alleged occurrences have a sad outcome resulting in the death of the puppy.

Desperate owners who are seeking help from BACELAR to treat their ill and dying dogs are b forced to execute non-disclosure agreements in order to receive assistance.

READ COMMUNICATION

MISREPRESENTS RESCUE DOG'S STORY FOR INCREASED DONATIONS

The more dramatic of stories, such as an animal is in immediate threat of euthanization, serious cases of abuse or severe medical conditions - the more donations come in. Ms. Bacelar exaggerates the backstory of a dog or outright falsifies stories.

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WAGMOR'S CHARITABLE STATUS IS DELINQUENT

A charitable organization that is not in good standing with the Registry of Charitable Trusts may not operate or solicit donations in California. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 11, § 999.9.4.)

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PROOF OF BUYING PUPPIES

Communication of Ms. Bacelar Negotiating Price for Puppies. By creating a market demand, puppy mill operators are incentivized by profit.

SEE EVIDENCE

RECORD LIBRARY

Review Court Records, Secretary of State Filings, IRS Records, Records from Attorney General, & Discovery from Litigation

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ADOPTION FEES HIGHER THAN ALLOWED BY STATE LAW

In the state of California, adoption fees of rescue dogs can not exceed \$500

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CELEBRITY ADOPTIONS PROVIDE INCREASED MEDIA FURTHER PROMOTING WAGMOR PETS

Celebrities good intentions have also been taken advantage of.

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CASE NUMBER: BC598098 CATHY GREEN ET AL VS MELISSA BACELAR

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In order to be fair and represent both sides of the story, we not only included the complaints filed against Ms. Bacelar in a court of law, but also the Defendants responses. Our credibility could be in question without providing both sides of the argument.

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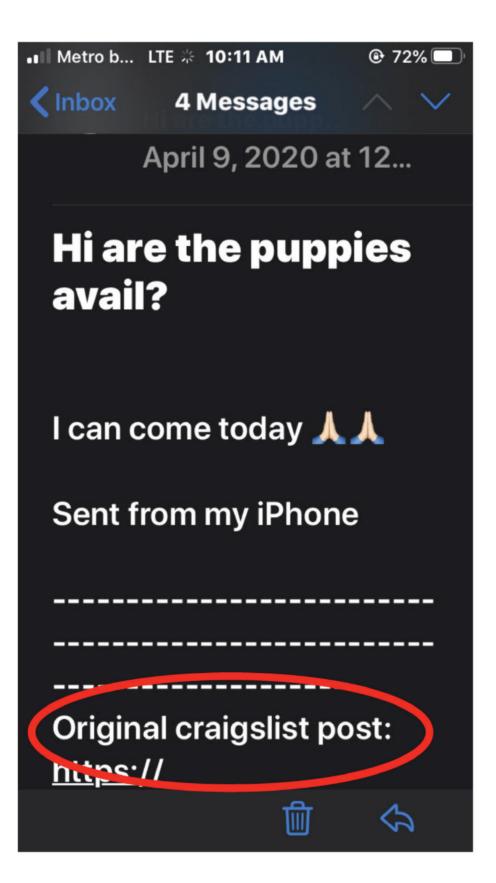
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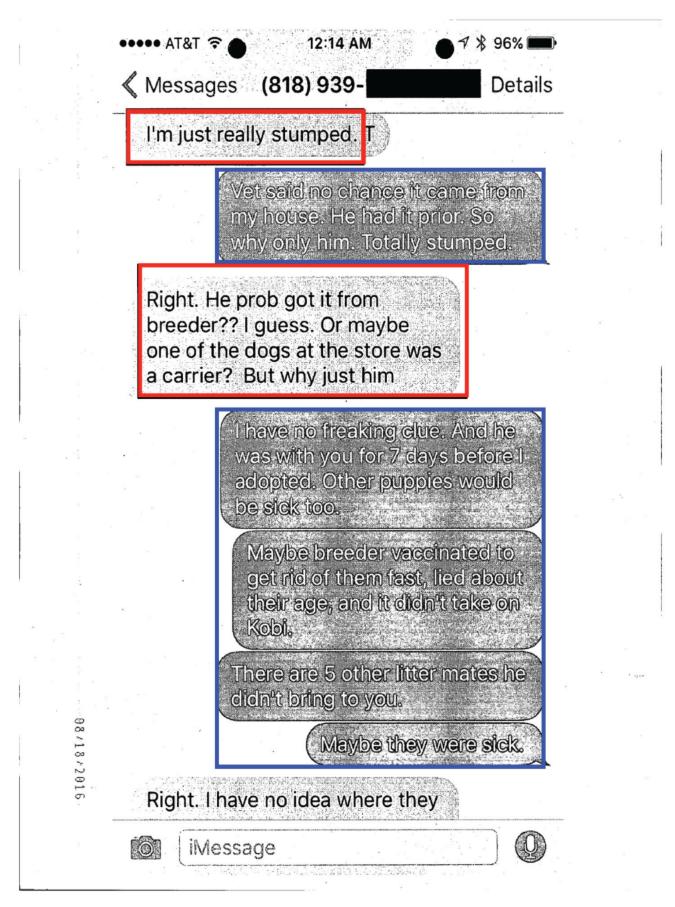
PROOF OF MELISSA BACELAR BUYING PUPPIES

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IN HER OWN WORDS...BY MELISSA BACELAR

Communication between Ms. Bacelar and Adopters. 5 of the 6 DIED. Ms. Bacelar pretends she knows nothing of it, tries to blame it on adopter, denies any of the other puppies in the litter are sick, however she knows of another death, and uses the terminal medical condition to raise donations.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why was this website created?	~
Have we asked Ms. Bacelar about her questionable practices?	~
Is our goal to defame Melissa Bacelar?	~
Does Ms. Bacelar save dogs?	~
Don't puppies in puppy mills need saving too? What's wrong with that?	~

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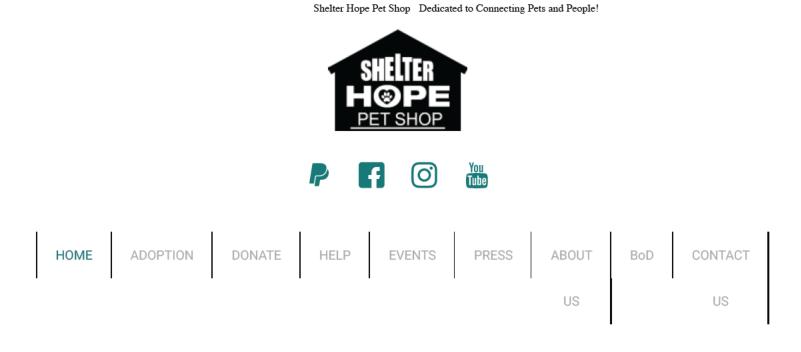
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Dedicated to Connecting Pets and People!

Shelter Hope Pet Shop was created to aid shelter pet adoptions, promote education and bring awareness to the communities we serve. We are the first and only volunteer humane pet shop partnering with companies, such as NewMark Merrill, who donate store front space in busy shopping locations in order to assist us with community outreach and shelter pet adoptions. Shelter Hope Pet Shop is a unique, large scale business model, which aims to eliminate puppy mill pet shops in our malls across the nation.

Shelter Hope Pet Shop provides a fun, friendly place where visitors and volunteers can meet and interact with animals needing adoption. You can also visit Shelter Hope Pet Shop for pet merchandise and know your dollars are going directly back to help save the lives of homeless pets.

We are a non-profit volunteer-based pet shop that showcases shelter animals available for in-store adoption.

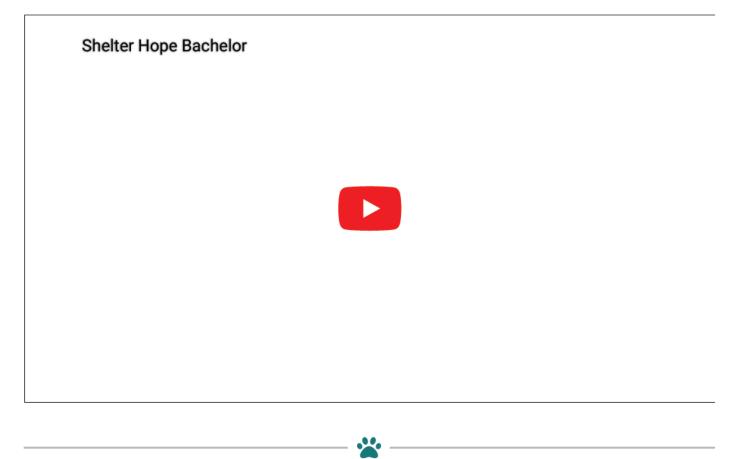


Passion

Kim Sill the founder of Shelter Hope is passionate about stopping the mass produced puppies created for profit by breeders and puppymills.

After years of working with LCA and Cesar Millan-Shelter Hope became the model for many humane shops to follow.

Finding love can be easier than you ever thought it was...



Covid 19 has changed the way we show our animals.

Until further notice shelter hope is still open during our regular hours but will only be taking appointments for interviews. If you see an animal on our website please call us during our business hours to make an appointment to do a meet and greet.

- Wednesday though Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you want to drop off donations please do so during those hours. <u>Contact Us</u> for more information.



HOPE PET SHOP & RESCUE

Whats happening at Shelter Hope, Thousand Oaks?

Shelter Hope Pet Shop, Thousand Oaks (SHPS TO) is a not-for-profit, charitable, volunteerbased organization devoted to: aiding in and facilitating shelter and rescue pet adoptions; promoting education and awareness within the communities we serve; and making a positive impact in the lives of shelter and rescue animals and their adopters, as well as local shelters.

Located in the Janss Marketplace, SHPS TO provides a friendly, inviting place where visitors and volunteers can meet and interact with shelter or rescue animals needing adoption. This retail environment provides a pleasant setting where we can introduce shelter and rescue pets to adopters who may never consider visiting a shelter.

How You Can Help Shelter Hope Pet Shop, Thousand Oaks?

• We run our store with volunteers...come spend time with the dogs....they will love you forever!

- Foster a dog at night... the more help we have, the more we can rescue pets and support our community!
- Donate supplies for our foster pets or new items for sale in our store.
- Make a financial contribution or lead a fundraiser.
- Have a pet-related service in the area? Become a community partner through offering free or discounted services for pets adopted through SHPS TO.
- Contact (805) 379-3538 or email us at <u>info@shelterhopepetshop.org</u> to ask how else you can support SHPS TO.

How You Can Help Within Our Community

Please visit our <u>local shelters</u> or work with a rescue group to adopt a dog or cat. Adopt and save a life!

For more information on low cost vet clinics, rescue group contact info, etc..., please call (805) 379-3538 or email us at info@shelterhopepetshop.org.





Saved in America

Founder Kim Sill would like to invite you to view her documentary film "Saved In America", her journey to expose the cruelty that exists in the American pet industry, which has led to the Shelter Hope Pet Shop.

For more information visit the official website at http://savedinamericathefilm.com/.



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Robert Wagner - Actor

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Shelter Hope Pet Shop Dedicated to Connecting Pets and People!

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137 posts	2,327 followers	7,801 fol	lowing		

The Truth About Wagmor Pets Rescue

Public Service

Wagmor is doing less than you may think to help dogs. A lot less. Know who you're adopting from and who you're donating to. Learn more.









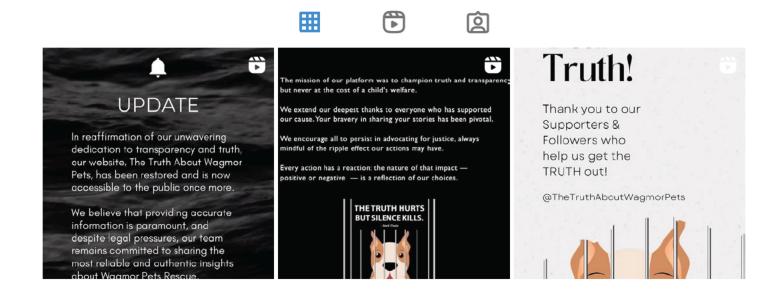


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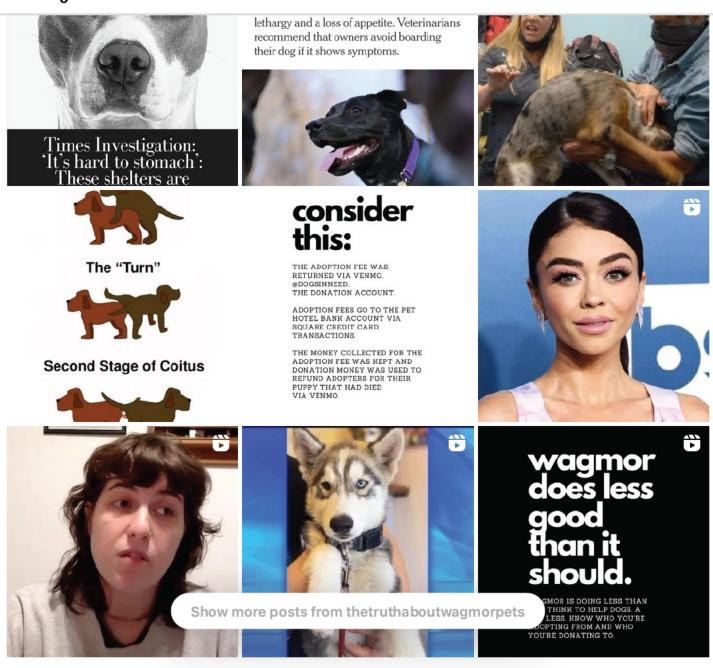


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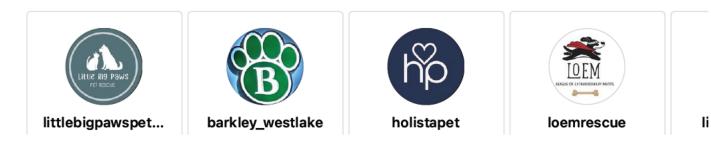
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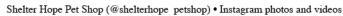
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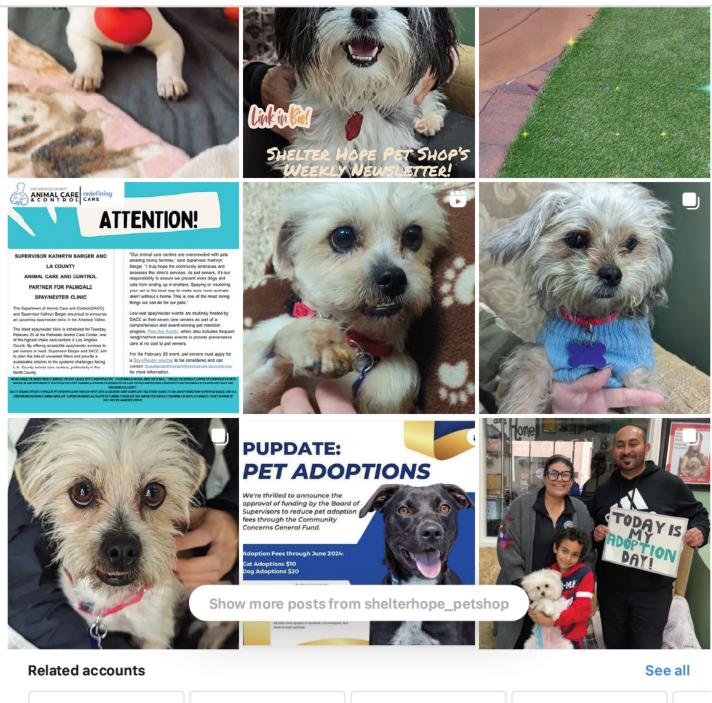




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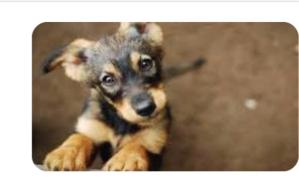
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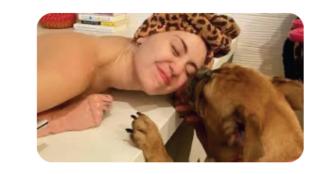
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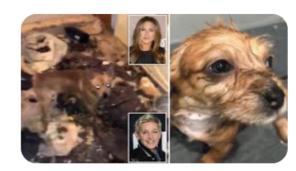
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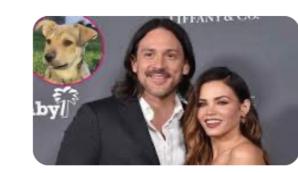
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