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# Press Release

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## SETTLEMENT REACHED IN CIVIL FORFEITURE OF ANIMALS SEIZED FROM SANTA FE FEED STORE

GALVESTON, TX – Galveston County District Attorney Jack Roady announced this afternoon that a settlement has been reached in connection with the disposition of over 200 animals seized from the Santa Fe Feed store two weeks ago.

Shannon Duckworth Iven, the operator of the Santa Fe Feed store where more than 200 animals were seized on March 31 because of alleged animal cruelty, has agreed to settle her civil animal seizure case. The Galveston County District Attorney's Office and animal control officers reviewed the evidence with Ms. Iven and her attorney. After considering the evidence, Ms. Iven agreed to a judgment that will forfeit most types of animals to the Houston Humane Society and awards \$7,500 to the Houston Humane Society for its costs in caring for the animals that are being forfeited.

The animal forfeiture case was previously scheduled to be heard as a contested matter on April 14<sup>th</sup>. This settlement concludes the civil forfeiture case based on animal cruelty allegations. A criminal investigation of those allegations is still pending.

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