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## DOG ADVOCATE WINS APPEAL OF TRESPASSING CHARGE FOR HELPING UNDERWEIGHT CHAINED DOGS

### Provided Straw, Food, and Water to Underweight Dogs Suffering in -11 Wind Chills



May 11, 2010, Altoona, PA — Dog advocate Tamira Ci Thayne, founder and CEO of nonprofit organization Dogs Deserve Better, received a "nolle prosequi" when appealing a second conviction for helping America's forgotten dogs: those left chained or penned and suffering in Pennsylvania's frigid winter temps.

"Nolle prosequi" formally means that the prosecution ended its criminal case against Thayne, therefore the case did not proceed before the judge in Cambria County, Pennsylvania.

The Commonwealth's witness and accuser, Krystal Cann, of Lilly, Pennsylvania, failed to show up to testify. Without a witness, there would have been very little chance of the Commonwealth proving its case.

Says Thayne: "I was very happy that justice was finally served in this courtroom. Krystal Cann's failure to show up signals to me that she didn't want to perjure herself further. Animal advocates have just as much right as any other citizen to knock on a door and attempt to speak to someone. If they are told to leave, they must leave, and I followed the letter of the law in this case. Krystal's accusations were false, and she knew it."

Thayne's first arrest came for helping a dog who'd been chained for 13 years, and needed medical help. The dog's caretakers left him lying on the ground, unable to stand, for three days while they waited for him to die and save them the \$100 vet fee. Thayne took him to the vet and refused to return him to those who abandoned him in his time of need.



Unfortunately, Cann's two dogs remain chained to this day. Thayne is asking all Pennsylvania residents to stand against this form of abuse by joining the coalition to Unchain Pennsylvania Dogs. The coalition seeks to pass a bill setting time limits on chaining, and creating better conditions for Pennsylvania's dogs. Sign up today at [Unchainpadogs.com](http://Unchainpadogs.com).

Please visit the website at [DogsDeserveBetter.org](http://DogsDeserveBetter.org) to learn more about dog chaining, the reasons it is cruel to dogs and dangerous to humans, and to find a local area representative.

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