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Galway County Council**

DOG BREEDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 2010

CLOSURE NOTICE

To: **Sheenagh Sankey, Lenanmarla, Creggs, Co. Galway**

I, **Joanne Perry** being an authorised person of **Galway County Council** under the Dog Breeding Establishments Act, 2010 ("the Act"), and in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 21(1) of the Act, hereby direct that the premises identified in Part 1 of the Schedule be closed with immediate effect until the earliest of:

- (i) an Order to contrary effect by a Court of competent jurisdiction; or
- (ii) further written direction by **Galway County Council**.

I make this order for the particular reasons set out in Part 2 of the Schedule.

Schedule

Part 1 Establishment

The establishment, lands, yards, outbuildings and sheds of the owner/operator Sheenagh Sankey at Lenanmarla, Creggs Co. Galway

Part 2 Particular reasons for making of Order

I am satisfied that the operation of the unregistered dog breeding establishment poses a serious and immediate threat to public health or animal welfare, details of which are specified below. You are required to cease breeding or keeping dogs at the establishment, to surrender the registration certificate(if existing) to the Local Authority and take such measures as directed to enable the rehousing, at your expense, of surplus dogs being kept for the time being at the establishment. If you contravene this closure notice you shall be guilty of an offence.

Grounds that the operation of this dog breeding establishment poses a serious and immediate threat to public health or animal welfare are as follows:

Based on my inspection of this unregistered breeding establishment, more than 6 eligible breeding females (being a female over the age of six months capable of breeding) were on site on the day of initial inspection.

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The operation of this establishment did not satisfy any part of the Dog Breeding Establishment Guidelines issued under Section 15(4) of the Act ("the Guidelines"). The failures are summarised below but this list is not exhaustive

- **The accommodation for dogs was in a myriad of outdoor sheds and enclosures, none of which satisfied the requirements as set out by the Guidelines.**
- **There were no satisfactory whelping facilities.**
- **No application for registration as dog breeding establishment received by Galway County Council and the facility is not registered.**

You are required to take the following steps:

- **Cease breeding dogs at this establishment with immediate effect.**
- **Reduce numbers of female dogs capable of breeding to 5 or less within 30 days.**
- **Liase with Galway County Council Authorised Officers to ensure no more than 5 females capable of breeding are kept at this location unless an application for registration as dog breeding establishment is granted by Galway County Council.**

If you contravene this closure notice you shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of not exceeding €5,000 or imprisonment for a term of not exceeding 6 months or both, or on conviction on indictment to a fine not exceeding €100,000 or imprisonment for a term of not exceeding 5 years or both. You may appeal this notice to the Ballinasloe District Court in accordance with the Act not later than 7 days after the service of the notice (or such period as the District Court may, for good and sufficient reason determine).

Your written notice of appeal should also be served on Joanne Perry, Veterinary Officer, Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway. H91 H6KX

Dated this day 15/11/2023

Signed:  (authorised person)
duly authorised by **Galway County Council** for purposes of Sections 21 of the Dog Breeding Establishments Act, 2010.