

Cruelty

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Ts and dot the Is. We are making sure that in the future everything is done as law states," he said.

Asked about the 26 violations reported to have been cited by the NJSPCA, Ragonese said the DEP hasn't seen them.

"We don't even know what they are," he said.

Matt Stanton, a spokesman for the SPCA said two counts were filed regarding 13 of Carr's 17 horses.

"There is one civil and one criminal count per horse," Stanton said.

Stanton said the criminal county is filed against the person for the animal cruelty charge, and the civil charge is filed on behalf of the horse.

He said the criminal charge falls under the same statute that lists failure to provide proper sustenance.

"In this case it was using the unregistered chemical and using it off label. Nothing on the label said it should be used on horses," Stanton said.

Stanton also said the charges include using a known carcinogen, which was

C-Em-Die. A web search of the active ingredient located a description on pesticideinfo.org, which lists pyrethrin as a "possible" carcinogen. Various sites list it as, while not listed by the EPA as a carcinogen, as suspected of being cancer causing.

According to Carr, the product known as C-Em-Die was a registered product until the company dropped it in favor of a similar product called Prozap VIP. In an email to Carr, the director of marketing for Prozap, Myron Hillman, said the two products are basically pyrethrin (active ingredient) and petroleum distillates (solvents). They did not continue to register C-Em-Die because they were dropping the product. Carr said a DEP official told her she could continue to use a once registered product until her supply was gone.

Carr referred to Halpern's letter concerning the need for a license to apply fly spray to her horses. Halpern advised Skacel that the NJDEP website describes a private applicator as someone who uses pesticides "for the purpose of raising an agricultural com-

modity." She said the carriage horses were not being used for human consumption, and asked Skacel for clarification on the matter.

As far as transferring the fly spray to unlabelled containers, Carr said the product is purchased in one to five gallon containers. She said it is cumbersome to use fly spray in a large container. Instructions posted on Equisearch.com and Ehow.com say the proper way to apply the spray is to saturate a cotton cloth using a spray bottle and wipe it on the horse. Diagrams show the person applying the fly spray holding a cloth and a small spray bottle.

Carr told Hillman several of her employees claimed they were getting sick from using the fly spray on the horses, and they were afraid of getting cancer. Hillman said typical reactions to products like C-Em-Die or Prozap VIP were allergic (sneezing, coughing, runny nose), but that it was extremely rare for these products to cause any long time effects.

The product label indicates C-Em-Die is "Harmful if

swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through the skin."

Handlers are advised to wash with soap and water before eating or smoking. They are also advised to avoid inhaling the product. The label says the product is used to treat animal buildings by spraying a concentration of 1 to 2 ounces per 100 square feet. The product is also used for killing flies on dairy cattle and for killing chicken mites.

The manufacturer, Value Garden Supply, lists potential health hazards on a Material Safety Date Sheet. It says in high concentration the product could be irritating to eyes and mucous membrane, and prolonged contact to the skin could cause irritation. It also said "Aspiration is a hazard," but under "Carcinogenicity" there are no comments listed. VGS recommends using the product in a well ventilated area, a suitable respirator, face shield or splash goggles, and impervious skin protection.

"The potential health hazard is only in large concentrations," Carr said. "The girl who sprays them never had a

sniffle or a sneeze."

According to Carr, C-Em-Die is an over-the-counter product.

She said the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has charged her with 26 counts of animal abuse stemming from the use of C-Em-Die. She said if she is found guilty she would face huge fines, community service, and even jail - for what she claims is protecting her horses from fly bites.

"If I didn't spray them I would be charged with animal abuse," she said. "I'm defending this product because it works."

Carr said horses are subject two insect-borne diseases including West Nile Virus, Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis, and Potomac Horse Fever. She said for a four to five-week period in the summer horses can be tormented by biting flies.

Carr said the citations are related to 13 of the 17 horses she keeps on her Sunset Boulevard farm. She questioned why, if there was a concern over 13 horses, why the other four weren't a prob-

lem. She said they were all living under the same conditions.

Carr provided a Field Investigation for Animal Cruelty Complaint obtained from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. The reason for the investigation was listed as "Animals are being abused and one horse died." A narrative attached to the report said Paul Schlossbach of the NJSPCA, who was doing his own investigation, told the NJDA officials the horse had died on the premises. Carr said the horse had "colic" and was taken to a veterinarian in Vineland and later transferred to New Bolton, where it was euthanized on Sept. 15. The NJDA report indicated Carr would provide a necropsy report.

Under "Animal Conditions," the report says under the condition of hooves, "Most have shoes, there is no lame horse." In the comment area of this section it reads, "These horses are in excellent condition."

Lose

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Operational expenses came to a total of \$255,000. Operation alone is \$130,000. Maintenance is projected to cost \$75,000 and marketing would cost \$50,000.

Kent broke down revenue into three categories, which were hall-based activity, hall-based recreation, and non-

hall-based recreation.

Hall-based activity, such as renting the hall for conferences, concerts, seminars, weddings and other events is projected to bring \$394,690 in 2012. Hall-based activity also takes into account the two retail store spaces for rent and ATM profits.

Hall-based recreation such as fitness classes, dances,

recitals, skating and shows has an expected revenue of \$255,000, while the non-hall-based recreation should bring around \$222,000. According to Kent, all these figures were based on mid-range pricing and attendance estimates where he took into account the previous rates for the old convention center and inflation projections and compared his findings with the prices of similar facilities. When adding these figures

together, the total revenue will be \$872,608 for 2012.

"We need to try to generate as much revenue as possible to cover the expenses," said City Manager Bruce MacLeod.

In order to estimate the number of concerts, shows and hall-based events, Kent said he looked at the average number of events held in the old hall. He believes that there could be nearly three months of days and evenings

of non-use during the summer months. Kent said if the staff took advantage of that and scheduled events during that time, they could produce more revenue, especially with the high tourism that time of the year.

Kent mentioned that despite the \$111,512 loss, it is still a good project.

"Convention halls are tried, true and proven to be profitable," Kent said.

He said that since many

local businesses like florists, DJs and caterers will be hired to work at the Convention Hall during events. The money spent is still ultimately paid back to the community and local business economy.

"The investment from the community is paid back over and over," he said.

The Convention Hall business plan can be found on the Cape May City website at www.capemaycity.com.

Ponder

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and their proposal but the Department of Interior wasn't," DEP spokesman Larry Ragonese said. "We were sort of on the sidelines."

Kelly said that even though it would have been mainly an environmental education facility, other courses would have been offered to make it a satellite campus such as the new campus in Hammonton. According to Altier, this is what the Department of the Interior didn't support.

"The school needed to be a little more diverse than the Department of the Interior wanted it to be," Kelly said. "We didn't want to limit it to just environmental course work."

Ragonese said the old lodge and buildings on the property

will be demolished and the land will become a natural area under the plans of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

State Sen. Jeff Van Drew said if these buildings will not be used then they need to be demolished as soon as possible because of safety issues. And even though this particular proposal has been terminated, Stockton is not giving up on getting a campus in the Cape May area according to Van Drew.

"I was very supportive of the Ponderlodge project and I was hopeful it would happen," Van Drew said. "Any

increase of educational opportunities in the area is a good thing."

Altier mentioned that Stockton has discussed other options for a satellite campus or educational center in the Cape May area. He said the school is open to other possibilities of another property to build on if the people would attend classes there.

"As long as it would generate enough revenue to support itself, we would be extremely interested," he said. "It all depends on what the public wants."

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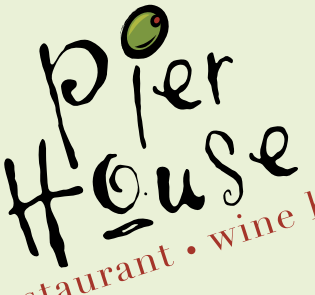
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