

DOG BREEDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 2010

CLOSURE NOTICE

To: Mr. Tommy Webb, Bridge Street. Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo.

I, Laura Mulligan being an authorised officer of Mayo 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 Mayo County Council.

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

Schedule

Part 1 Premises

The premises at *Greenwoods, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo. F35FV08 Occupied by Mr. Tommy Webb*

Part 2 Particular reasons for making of Order

I am satisfied that the operation of the dog breeding establishment (DBE) 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 and take such measures as directed to enable the rehousing, at your expense, of all dogs being kept for the time being at the establishment. If you contravene this closure notice you shall be guilty of an offence.

Based on previous inspections and a site visit on 27th April 2021, I form the opinion that the condition of the premises is unsatisfactory and fall short of the Dog Breeding Establishment Guideline requirements. There are many outstanding issues in relation to this property that contravenes the dog breeding establishments Act 2010 and therefore it is not an acceptable premises to register under the Act.

- There are 18 Greyhounds in Mr. Webb's possession. 11 Bitches and 7 Males. Held at Greenwoods, Ballyhaunis. As there are over 6 Bitches over 6 months and capable of breeding under section 22 of the Act, it is an offence to operate an unregistered DBE.
- No electricity at the property - to provide lighting, heat or hot water for cleaning.
- The one outside tap does not give an adequate water supply to clean kennels and provide drinking water for the number of dogs that are held at the property.
- Drinking vessels consisting of old plastic food buckets contained stagnant water with green algae. This is a health hazard to the greyhounds
- There is no means of disposing of faeces or washings (wastewater) from the kennels faeces does not look to be removed daily - A pit has been dug and filled with straw bedding, faeces, old bones and rubbish.
- There is no service provider for rubbish or recycling – empty meat containers lay around the property along with other rubbish.

- The fencing around the kennels is made from inadequate materials, is not secure and is a hazard to the Greyhounds.
- There are six kennels and one shed for housing up to 18 Greyhounds on site – this is inadequate housing for this number of Greyhounds.
- Raised bed areas in the kennels are made from wood, not suitable to be cleaned or disinfected and are in a state of disrepair.
- No secure chemical store – containers of cleaning solution, disinfectant, kerosene and poison lay around the property.
- No food store or acceptable food preparation area.
- No facility for cleaning food or drinking vessels.
- Dogs and Bitches kenneled together, no area for bitches in season.
- No isolation or whelping area.
- Exercise areas are unkept, very muddy and not maintained with temporary shelters constructed out of wooden pallets.

Measures to enable the rehousing of all dogs being kept at the establishment.

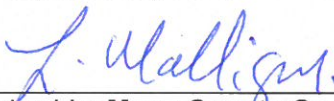
All Greyhounds are to be removed from Greenwoods, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo.

Time frame - not later than 30th June 2021.

I also instruct you provide adequate and relevant paperwork as to where the dogs have been moved to.

You may appeal this notice to the District Court in accordance with the Act.

Dated this day 31st May 2021

Signed:  (L. Mulligan, Dog Warden, Mayo County Council)
duly authorised by **Mayo County Council** for purposes of Sections 21 of the Dog Breeding Establishments Act, 2010.