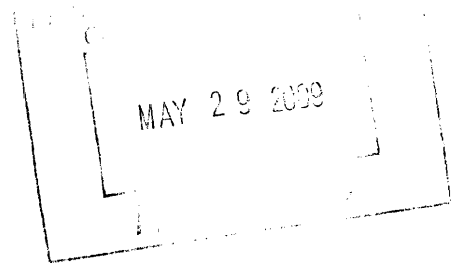


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Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

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City of Portland
Inspections Division
389 Congress Street
Portland, ME 04101



RE: Complaint of home possibly unfit for human habitation

On April 22, 2009, I visited at 263 Brackett Street, Portland, ME for a short period and had to leave due to the stench of animal feces in the foyer and living room off the foyer. The floors were covered with feces from the 16 dogs. The home also houses forty-something cats.

The property is owned by my sister, Sally Rollins who is (according to her) licensed to operate a cat rescue program called the "Cats Corner". She has had cats for many years – up to eighty at one time, but my concern began when she wrote to me saying that she had lost one of the kittens in the house, then wrote later that she had finally found the kitten dead under her bed. Anyone who can sleep for over a week with a dead kitten under their bed must have no sense of smell and, therefore, is not aware of the filth in which they are living.

A couple of years ago she began taking in dogs – particularly those unfit for adoption. This has created a greater unhealthy situation for both the animals and herself.

I do not know what authority the Inspections Division has regarding the filthy living conditions. In the past, (according to Sally) she has had many neighbors complain to the Humane Society regarding her house and animals, was inspected and was not cited for the condition of the house nor the animal care.

Is it the responsibility of your office to inspect homes and determine if they are fit for human habitation, and if not fit, take whatever appropriate action the law allows? If not, will you please refer this request to the appropriate office for handling this type of complaint. I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

For additional information, you may contact me at 904.277.4826 or email me at: erstevens57@aol.com.

Yours truly,
ER Stevens
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