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## DOG ADVOCATE RECEIVES SECOND CONVICTION FOR HELPING AMERICA'S FORGOTTEN DOGS

**Will Appeal Trespassing Charges for Providing Straw, Food, and Water to Underweight Dogs Suffering in -11 Wind Chills**



February 19, 2010, Altoona, PA — Dog advocate Tamira Ci Thayne, founder and CEO of Dogs Deserve Better, a non-profit working solely on behalf of chained and penned dogs, has received a second conviction for helping America's forgotten dogs: those left chained or penned and suffering in Pennsylvania's frigid winter temps.

Thayne's first arrest came for helping a dog who'd been chained for 13 years, and needed medical help in order to go on. The cowards who chained him 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.

On Tuesday, February 16, 2010, Thayne was again convicted of a crime for helping chained dogs. This time she added trespassing to the list, for daring to stuff two doghouses with straw and giving underweight chained dogs bones, food, and water to help them survive on a day with wind chills at -11 degrees.

Says Thayne: "I am committed to unchaining Pennsylvania's dogs, America's dogs. I will not quit until I see Americans treat our companions with the respect and care they deserve. I have come to accept I may end up with a rap sheet longer than my arm for helping chained dogs. It's a sacrifice I'm willing to make—in fact, I consider it an honor. They deserve that kind of dedication. It's time America grows up. Time America follows European countries such as England, Austria, and Germany, who know how to make dogs part of the family and would never allow their neighbors to chain their dogs in today's society. I remain optimistic because I know that time is short on the side of the abusers. We are simply not willing to tolerate the abuse any longer. Chaining your dog for life IS abuse. Be intolerant with me."



Thayne will appeal. She 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 HB1254, 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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