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Julie A. Allen
Executive Director

March 23, 2011

Judy Peil/Treasurer
Missourian for Protection of Dogs
P.O. Box 300176
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Re: Case No. 10E179

Dear Ms. Peil:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered, at the March 23, 2011 meeting, the complaint filed against you and Missourians for the Protection of Dogs. The Commission reviewed the allegations outlined in the complaint that the Missouri for Protection of Dogs violated the Missouri campaign finance law under Chapter 130, RSMo., and lobbying laws under Chapter 105, RSMo.

From the facts presented, the Commission voted to dismiss this case as the allegations in the complaint were unsubstantiated. The investigation showed that Missourians for Protection of Dogs registered as a campaign committee with the Missouri Ethics Commission on December 9, 2009 and terminated on December 2, 2010, as required of Missouri campaign committees. The campaign committee reported monetary and in-kind contributions, including pro-rata salaries of employees of the Humane Society of the United States, which performed services for the campaign committee. At the time of termination, excess funds were distributed according to the requirements of Section 130.034.2, RSMo.

The Commission also found no violation of the Missouri lobbying laws pursuant to Chapter 105, RSMo. Missourians for Protection of Dogs is an active non-profit corporation registered with the Missouri Secretary of State. There was no evidence Missouri for Protection of Dogs, the non-profit corporation served as a lobbyist principal, defined in Section 105.470, RSMo. At the time of the investigation, there was no evidence that it had engaged in lobbying activities as defined Missouri law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Allen".

Julie A. Allen, CPA, PMP
Executive Director