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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR KING COUNTY**

MARTHA J. SCUDDER, A single individual,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LARRY GALLAWA, A married individual,
Defendant

Case No.: 04-2-04721-8 SEA
DECLARATION OF LIANE SPERLICH, DVM
Veterinarian at Browns Point
Veterinary, Inspector for Pierce
County Health Department inspection of
Scudder Farm

I, LIANE SPERLICH, make the following Declaration under Penalty of Perjury under the laws of the State of Washington.

- 1. I am over the age of 18, am competent to testify and make this declaration based on my knowledge of the facts;
- 2. I am self-employed as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at Browns Point Veterinary, Tacoma Washington. I have been in practice for 17 years.
- 3. I treat a limited number of birds in the normal course of my work duties in the clinic.
- 4. I assisted the Needa Turner of the Pierce County Health Department in screening Martha Scudders Farm in January, 2004, following a Psittacosis outbreak at "the Bird Cage" pet store in Federal Way Washington.

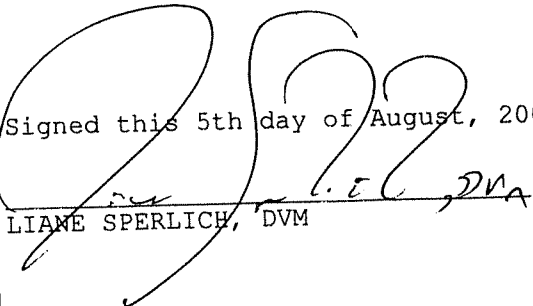
1 5. I observed all birds on the farm and selected one test bird out of
2 each of the 10 groups of birds she had on the property, grouped by separate
3 coups, or buildings.

4 6. After drawing blood samples from each of the 10 sample birds; the
5 Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department submitted the samples to the
6 University of Georgia for testing.

7 7. On January 17, 2004, I was informed by Needa Turner that all samples
8 were found to test negative for psittacosis.

9 8. During my inspection of Martha Scudders facility, I did not observe
10 any bird which appeared to me to be ill, injured, or in distress

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13 Signed this 5th day of August, 2005, at Browns Point, Washington

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15 LIANE SPERLICH, DVM
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[Robert Vincent is very eager to note, as he does on his website at <http://parrot-depot.com/PDF/PCHD%20000053.pdf>, and at public meetings, that samples from ten presumably clinically-well parrots tested negative for chlamydiosis ("psittacosis"). However, he always *fails* to mention:

1. These tests were run three to four months after two birds from the Martha Scudder Parrot Depot tested **positive** at The Bird Cage pet store, leading to a quarantine of the store
2. Ten tests run on a sample of between 200 and 600 birds (the exact number of birds at that farm at that time is unknown) would scarcely exclude the presence of other positives
3. The testing was carried out using a single serologic (blood sample) antibody test. These tests are not without their problems in diagnosing chlamydial infection (D. Vanrompay, "Avian Chlamydial Diagnostics", Chapter 12 in Fudge, AM (ed), LABORATORY MEDICINE: Avian and Exotic Pets. WB Saunders, 2000). It is possible that a screen of more birds using a PCR-centered test would have yielded different results
4. Most critically, however, as the Editors have emphasized throughout, chlamydiosis is *not* the disease found at their Farm which is of the greatest concern. **It is simply the only disease entity which Vincent and the Plaintiff's witnesses (Dr. Brian Speer, Ms. Laurella Desborough, etc) seem willing to discuss.** We address this avoidance of full disclosure in greater detail in our commentary on Dr. Brian Speer's declaration.

—Editors.]