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ANIMAL CRUELTY CHARGES – PARRAMATTA LOCAL COURT

Mr Neil Kitt of North Parramatta pleaded guilty to five animal cruelty offences at Parramatta Local Court on Friday 20 January 2012. He had been charged with two counts of failure to provide proper and sufficient food and three counts of failure to provide veterinary treatment to his two dogs.

An RSPCA Inspector responded to a complaint about the dogs' poor condition on 31 October 2011 and issued instructions regarding their care. The dogs were subsequently seized during follow-up visits and presented for veterinary examinations. The young female Great Dane crossbreed dog was found to be very underweight. The male Bull Mastiff crossbreed dog was also scored as very underweight and tested positive to hookworm. Both dogs had ulcerated wounds on their ears due to fly bite.

Mr Kitt was convicted and fined \$100 for each charge. He has been prohibited from owning any animal for two years and ordered to present to Police for fingerprinting. He was further ordered to pay \$81 Court costs and RSPCA costs of \$3,901.99 (total fines \$500; total costs \$3,982.99).

The Bull Mastiff dog was reclaimed by his owner as identified from his microchip. The Great Dane has been surrendered to the RSPCA.



Photo of Great Dane dog taken on day of seizure - 2 November 2011

All charges are under NSW Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and Regulations