

**Meeting with Dr. Dana Bridges (Equine Veterinarian)**

**Discussing working with KCACC in Neglected Horse Case**

**(See Seattle Times Article 9/8/07)**

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**Two Primary Concerns Dr. Bridges has in the case:**

1. There was inadequate KCACC follow up to confirm compliance by the owner of the two horses to Dr. Bridges 'care plan' for the two horses. It was determined they were in poor condition 8/15/06. On 11/9/06 Dr. Bridges was called by a concerned citizen to assess the two horses for a second time. Because the condition of the horses was substantially worse than when Dr. Bridges first saw them 8/06, she is confident to state that KCACC did not return to visit with the owner and horses in a timely fashion to confirm compliancy in order to correct this case of animal neglect.
2. During the second visit to the horses (11/9/06), the owner became verbally abusive and threatening. Neither the KCACC limited commissioned animal control officer or Dr. Bridges felt safe and as a result, KCACC ACO called the police for back-up/protection. Dr. Bridges stated that this process took too long, in her opinion, and she would have felt safer and more confident in this dangerous situation had a fully commissioned officer (police/sheriff deputy) been on site from the beginning of the investigation.