

# Save The Chihuahuas!

A Not-for-Profit Effort to Save the Chihuahuas



## THE FOLLOWING IS THE SWORN STATEMENT OF HOLLY HAVLIK

### DECLARATION OF HOLLY HAVLIK

I, Holly Havlik, declare as follows:

1. I am over eighteen years old. I have personal knowledge of the following facts and if called as a witness, I would testify as follows:
2. I did adoptions at Chihuahua Rescue from approximately April, 2004 to November 2004, being the main adoption person most of that time. Laura Dash was gone for a few months for animal behaviorist training, and most other volunteers came sporadically, or just never returned. Kimi Peck owns Chihuahua Rescue and runs the whole show there. No dogs get adopted without her express permission. I know or and never saw a "Board of Directors" make adoption decisions.  
FAILURE OF CHIHUAHUA RESCUE TO ADOPT DOGS
3. Time after time, I witnessed good applications from people seeking to adopt dogs at Chihuahua Rescue ("CR") turned down for occasional good reasons, but more often absolutely ridiculous reasons.
4. There seemed to be no real pattern to who got a dog as sometimes Kimi Peck adopted out to people I was certain she would say no to. It did appear to me, though, that if the dog was a plain dog, it had a better chance of getting a home. The teacups and pure breed Chihuahuas ("chis") seemed doomed. It was next to impossible for those dogs to ever get out of CR. Sick and injured dogs, who I was so happy to see people coming in and wanting, were held onto as well despite some of them being on the website as 'available for adoption.' They appeared to be used more for donations and attention.
5. A good example was a three-legged sweet dog named Charlie. Kimi Peck just wouldn't let him have a home. Several people came in to adopt him but she insisted he had a severe heart murmur and that they wouldn't take care of him. I suspected that the degree of his heart murmur was embellished (she had told me Bentley had a severe heart murmur and would probably die when we took her to the groomers. Gary adopted Bentley and her heart murmur had been greatly exaggerated by Kimi Peck. She had also told me Boppy - who I adopted- had 'brain damage' but he did not. It was hard to believe her.)
6. Even the kindest, most loving volunteer, Alissa, asked to give Charlie a home and Kimi Peck refused, falsely accusing her of "stealing beta fish" and even claiming that 'a psychic told her the dog was afraid of Alissa' and 'wanted to stay with his friends.' Why couldn't this poor guy get a home? He NEEDS exercise for his 3 remaining legs, but gets NONE. He is in a cage 24/7 for as long as she's had him which is probably 2 -3 years. His remaining legs need exercise.
7. People seeking to adopt were turned down routinely for ridiculous reasons. They may have seemed "good" but Kimi would randomly assign reasons for rejecting their applications after looking at them. There was rarely any basis for Kimi's assertions.

Here is a list of many of the excuses I heard:

- They were feeding the wrong food;
- they were too old;
- they were too young;
- they had 'vicious' dogs that would kill the chihuahua they are applying for;
- they were being pushy to Kimi Peck;
- 'lying' to Kimi Peck on the application - she regularly claimed that the people lied about the circumstances of their prior pet's death. (For example, having another pet die 'too young' according to Kimi Peck meant that they simply euthanized the dog unnecessarily. It was not possible for a dog to really be sick or die at a young age, according to Kimi Peck);
- living in a neighborhood Kimi Peck didn't like;
- her all time favorite - 'they live in coyote country';
- they are with Corgi Rescue, Yorkie Rescue, or some other rescue group (Kimi Peck never allowed any dogs to go to other rescue

groups, and even 'raced' to rescue dogs before any other rescue group could get there);

-no kids allowed;

-the dog needs to be with another dog;

-the dog can't go with another dog;

-one person was approved but Kimi Peck never delivered because she believed the daughter was a 'cutter';

-one woman was approved but Kimi Peck never delivered because 'she is going to enroll the dog in PetSmart dog training and it will get killed there';

-one woman had to wait 7 weeks because Kimi Peck didn't like her because Kimi Peck thought she had 'work done' and was 'weird.';

-one girl was accused of being a 'cat and rat person, not a dog person' according to Kimi Peck.

These assertions were random. They were made usually as Kimi held the application and looked at it for the first time. If she had researched the matter and found these things, some would be legitimate reasons, but they were rarely based on any real knowledge of the applicants. Just Kimi Peck's whims.

## MAPLE'S STORY

8. A wonderful woman named Jennifer came in to adopt a little dog named Maple who has brain damage. Not only was this girl a former vet tech, she had experience nursing her cat through a severe bout of vertigo. She seemed the perfect applicant for a dog with trouble balancing herself. She was approved and was told on several occasions that they were going to deliver Maple to her. They never called or came, but this nice woman kept coming. She sat with Maple weekend after weekend. Behind the scenes, Kimi Peck kept saying (though telling the girl she would deliver Maple) that she wanted her to take a different dog, because Maple was going to 'die soon.' Kimi insisted Maple had barely survived her spay surgery, though I have since had one surgery (benign tumor removal) and one dental cleaning performed with no side effects at all. Kimi also would not forgive Jennifer for saying "I'll have her running at Runyon Canyon in no time." (she meant that she would have her getting exercise and helping her weak legs grow stronger - a comment made in jest), but Kimi Peck insisted she was literally going to drag this little handicapped dog through Runyon Canyon.

9. I finally talked Kimi Peck into delivering poor little Maple. The sad part about Maple was she was weak and had problems walking. While confined 24/7 in her cage, she literally became covered in feces on her paws and lower body. Because Kimi Peck claimed we were all going to deliver Maple the following Tuesday, I took her home one weekend so she could be cleaned up and just not live in feces any longer. I couldn't stand seeing it.

10. Once we got to Jennifer's house, Kimi Peck insisted that the balcony was not safe. She told Jennifer to screw in some kind of barrier over an opening that was fairly narrow and had a large plant blocking it. Gary, another volunteer, made a date to go over and do that the next day. The next day comes and Kimi Peck had her colleague Patricia "Janet" Wingfield call and tell me to call Gary and stop him from making the repair, since Jennifer was "not getting the dog." Why? Kimi didn't trust her, stating, "she is a 'cat and rat' person - not a dog person." Kimi Peck insisted Maple would "die there." Despite the fact that Jennifer had been a vet tech and worked with a cat that had similar health issues, Kimi found her unacceptable. I asked if she would be calling Jennifer to let her know and she said yes. She didn't. I had to call and tell Jennifer myself. It was heartbreaking listening to this poor girl, who faithfully visited Maple for probably 5 weeks or more, cry as she was denied the little dog she had come to love. It was so sad, but I dealt with so many people that Kimi Peck hurt. It seemed more about control and power than about finding homes for dogs.

11. I ended up keeping Maple because I refused to allow this sweet, playful dog go back to a life covered in feces, living in a small cage.. A month later, Kimi got angry with Gary - who was my friend - when he complained about her failure to deliver promised dogs. In retaliation, Janet and Kimi demanded poor Maple back from me, knowing I had bonded closely with her. Kimi eventually backed off, but sent a message loud and clear: "you do something we don't like, and we'll TAKE your dog away."

## THE CORGIE PUPPIES

12. On another occasion, a wonderful mother and son came to adopt two corgi mix puppies. From the time Kimi Peck acquired these puppies, she made it clear that she felt everyone who came in for those dogs were "from corgi rescue" and used that as an excuse to refuse prospective adopters. Laura Dash (another volunteer) and I really liked this woman, who lived in Canyon Country, but Kimi Peck insisted that it was 'coyote country'. I asked the woman and she said she lived nowhere near the hills. Laura and I drove out to visit her home. It was nowhere near the hills. AND the young boy and his father had put up a lattice fence along their backyard slope so that the dogs would be in the patio area. This was really great - the amount of time and money they spent to make the dogs safe. People rarely took so much time to make their new pets safer. After we returned and told Kimi Peck, she said, "Well, Janet knows the area better than [Laura and I] and that SHE would have to drive by to see if coyotes were there." Neither Janet nor Kimi ever did, and the family sadly gave up. A few weeks later Kimi Peck told me, "I see them going with some Hollywood type, not someone in Canyon Country." They languished in one cage together for many more months, unexercised and unsocialized, before finally getting a home. Not sure if the eventual adopters fit Kimi Peck's criteria of being "hollywood types."

## PALMER'S STORY

13. Another sad story is a woman wishing to adopt named Betty Craig. For weeks, this nice woman came to visit and sit literally for hours with a young dog named Palmer. I got to know her because she was there so much. She was obviously a wonderful dog lover

who had had several chihuahuas before. She made the mistake of writing in the application that she would swat a dog on the behind if it misbehaved. I believe it was Laura Dash who called her and asked what she meant. She explained that she doesn't hit her dogs, but on one occasion her dog grabbed a bird and she swatted it with a newspaper on the butt and it let go. Kimi Peck insisted she was going to abuse the dog.

14. Betty didn't come by for a couple of weeks and I asked Kimi to please talk with her, meet her, and see that she is a wonderful person. Kimi Peck agreed. I called Betty and explained the situation and told her to come on down, which she did. When she arrived, Kimi Peck came out, sat two feet away from Betty with her back to her and ignored her completely for about half an hour. Then Kimi Peck got up and walked away. Betty remained with palmer for another couple of hours waiting for Kimi to talk with her. I will never forget before she left, Betty looked at me and told me , 'I guess I got my answer.' Then she looked little Palmer in the eye and told him 'I hope you have a wonderful life, you deserve it,' and walked away with tears in her eyes. I will never forget that I cannot think of it without getting tears myself. It was just the saddest thing, but typical of Kimi Peck. All about control and power. Palmer's needs were never the issue.

15. At one point, Betty talked with some other older volunteers and they wrote a letter on Betty's behalf to Kimi. Kimi Peck and Janet called and verbally harassed poor Betty on a couple occasions. Attached hereto as Exhibit "1" is a true and correct copy of Betty's e-mail response to CR. The email shows that Kimi Peck lied to Betty and told her there was a Board of Directors (there is none) that "voted" against her (also not true). Betty also speaks of Janet threatening her by stating that Betty's complaint would cause Palmer "to starve to death" and "the other dogs that needed medication were going to die and it was all my fault". Palmer also languished in a filthy cage in front adoption area for months until he got a home.

### **BOGEY'S STORY**

16. On another occasion, a wonderful older couple came to adopt a dog named Bogey - an Australian Shepard puppy. Kimi Peck reviewed their online application and loved it. Based on Kimi Peck's high opinion of these people, Alissa (a volunteer) contacted them and made a appointment on a Sunday (while Kimi Peck was at an adoption fair with other dogs.) Gary (a volunteer) and I came to meet the couple. They were great and obviously knew the breed, and brought their other shepard who got along with Bogey. They fell in love with Bogie. We told Kimi Peck they were great and it appeared the adoption would go through. The husband was going out of town, but they could take the dog in a week.

17. Then, out of the blue, Kimi Peck told me that she saw an even 'better' application for Bogey. Kimi insisted Bogey was incontinent and the new applicants had experience with an incontinent dog. I later learned from the couple he temporarily had bladder control issues, but Kimi never even told them she suspected he had this problem. She did not mention his chronic diarrhea, either. I believe the real problem with Bogey was he barked a lot and it became annoying to Kimi. She claimed Dr. Hohne was demanding the dog be removed, but Dr. Hohne did not ever ask this. Kimi also excitedly told Alissa that they "drove a Range Rover." This seemed to hold special value to Kimi. I also believe that proximity played a role as the other couple was in Fullerton and this couple was only about 15 minutes away in Tarzana, a city Kimi felt was highly esteemed. .

18. Kimi Peck insisted this new couple get Bogey. I also later learned they were movie industry people and Kimi always liked to glean support and admiration from movie industry people. I suspected this was a factor in denying the original applicants, too.

19. The sad part, again, is I had to call and let the original couple know Kimi Peck had changed her mind. And again, I had to sit and listen to yet another person cry to me over the phone. It was heart-wrenching. The ironic part was that Bogey's adopters actually wrote Kimi Peck a very angry email the next day demanding their adoption fee back since Bogey had a severe parasite problem and had to be taken to the vet that next day. Kimi merely responded callously that she would come and take Bogey back, and showed no regret that Bogey was severely ill.

### **KONA'S STORY**

20. A dog named Kona came into the shelter shortly before I started volunteering there, with a severely broken leg. At the surgery, the vet Dr. Hohne, placed a huge metal contraption in the dog's leg as a brace, to help it heal. Kona suffered with that hideous confining leg brace I would say for over five to six months, or more. Kimi Peck got the original surgery done, threw him in a cage and forgot about him. I remember repeatedly asking when he was supposed to have that brace removed. Kimi always blamed Dr. Hohne. At one point, Kimi made some assertion that "Dr. Hohne was trying an experiment with Kona." As usual, I knew it was just her NOT following up with proper medical care. Also, if it truly was Dr. Hohne's 'refusal' to follow up, why on earth didn't Kimi go to one of the other 3 vets she claimed to use? That's what I would have done instead of letting Kona suffer practically imobile for 6 months.

21. Kona was in obvious pain and discomfort. He was never taken out to exercise his 3 remaining good legs. I know other volunteers asked about his leg as well. At one point I even told Susan Marlowe, the CPA of CR , that I would donate the balance of whatever they needed to get his leg fixed and she said they had gotten enough donations but just had to get it done. There was no sense of urgency or even compassion for Kona's discomfort. They just let him sit there for months even though they HAD enough money.

22. In the end, when Kona was taken back to Dr. Hohne, he required a leg amputation. To draw attention away from the fact that Kona had sat for months neglected and waiting for his leg repair, Kimi Peck posted graphic photos of the amputation surgery on her

CR website, claiming that CR had saved the dog's life with the surgery. There is no mention of the dog wasting away for months with a metallic leg brace and no medical follow up that would have ended his pain and suffering.

23. After the amputation, Kona has remained caged 24/7 and receives no therapy for his three-legged condition. I have never seen him out of his cage, ever.

## **OVERPOPULATION**

24. There are countless other examples of dogs not getting delivered, people just giving up, the dogs still at CR when they had a chance to have a home.

25. I do believe it is important to screen applicants. I saw many bad applications, but I saw way too many good ones get turned down, or even get approved but just simply fall through due to Kimi Peck's inability to deliver the dogs.

26. The dogs at CR are depressed, bored, and starving for love. It is like a prison. What could have been a great rescue operation, has simply become a collection tank. Once the Burbank Animal Control let her house dogs at 425 Moss Street, there was no stopping her. The dogs just poured in - many from unsuspecting people who thought they were doing 'the right thing' by giving their dogs to CR to find a good home, others from Kimi Peck's constant scouring of the animal shelter and adoption websites. With no regulation by the city of Burbank, the situation went from horrible to tragic. I will never be able to rid my mind of the memory of those HUNDREDS of poor, neglected dogs.

## **NEGLECT AND ABUSE OF 300+ DOGS AT CR**

27. I have seen two small Chihuahuas (Acorn and Mikey) have terrible seizures, yet receive NO medication. Luckily, because of volunteer Laura Dash, Acorn was adopted. At the point of adoption, I believe Kimi actually took Acorn to see Dr. Hohne. Poor Mikey remains. Kimi Peck told me that she "gives them bacon" to treat their epilepsy. They had severe seizures. At one point I saw Mikey have a seizure every day for a long period of time and I told Kimi Peck. She claimed she would put him on phenyl barbitol (sp), but she never did.

28. I have seen a dog with a horrible eye infection never receive medical attention (Brandon).

29. I have seen scores of dogs with horribly rotten teeth, yet no dental care given at all.

30. I have seen several dogs with severe mange and hair loss receive no medical attention at all until I came to medicate them in the summer of 2004.

31. Kimi Peck's answer? Everything that didn't heal was labeled 'chronic' and she often claimed that she spent thousands of dollars on these chronically ill dogs with no result.

32. I have seen a Saluki (with bad mange) hidden in a CRATE (no taller than his body) after complaints about his condition were made in the summer, rather than treating him. This dog did not receive treatment until a volunteer named Tara publicly demanded Kimi help him.

33. I have seen severe tick infestation in the rear of their 421 Moss St. kennels. This included Doodles, Dove (a golden retriever Kimi BOUGHT), Preston (who Laura and I both saw had 15-20 ticks under each of his front arms one day), and Bentley and Rosie (two cockers). Bentley also had severe hot spots and ear infections.

34. I have seen severe rodent infestation throughout the entire facility. Not only was there mice feces everywhere, there were dead mice and dead baby mice everywhere, especially after they used hoses.

35. I have seen dogs sit in their waste and without any blankets, even during the winter months. The filth is constant. Many dog bowls were turned over or had feces or urine in them every time I went there. This was a constant sight. In the back of 421 Moss, many times dogs had no water or little water in their bowls - in the middle of summer.

36. I have seen dogs with tumors receive no attention (Albie had a large tumor growing under his skin below his tail). He also had long, curled nails and Kimi Peck would insist he was 'too aggressive' to cut them. Laura told me that the last time she saw him, he looked very weak and refused to come out of his dog house. He is no longer at the facility. We heard Kimi Peck moved him to her ex boyfriend Dave Mabra's house. We strongly suspect he is dying as his health was very compromised.

37. I have seen dogs that were skin and bones simply be written off as "Oh, he's dying." No veterinary diagnosis or treatment - just Kimi Peck's assessment that 'he is dying.' I have seen one old dog dead after suffering without any medical attention. He couldn't even stand and had vomit on him. I asked Dr. Hohne about him and he told me he had never seen a dog that fit that description. Kimi Peck told me he "had cancer" and another time she told me he "had kidney failure." He was not euthanized humanely. He was

allowed to die in his cage. I found him dead one day, just covered like a child sleeping in bed. When I told Kimi, she said "he died in my arms at 4 am this morning." He was still in his filthy cage hours later - dead, covered like a sleeping toddler. I am not sure how she ever disposed of this poor guy's body. I later learned from other volunteers that that was the norm. When a dog died, Kimi told people they died "in her arms."

38. Two of her other older dogs died last summer after looking like the walking dead. They couldn't even hold their heads up. One, "Fancy", had a silver-dollar sized ulceration on her neck. Ron, a kennel worker, brought her out and told Kimi Peck, "I think she's been in a fight" and Kimi Peck screamed "she's fine!" She then put a pill in her mouth and said, "she's on antibiotics." Ron's mother, who was there that day, and told me she could see the bone through the wound.

39. I have seen Miss Peck sit in her "office" day in and day out on her cell phone complaining that everyone is 'out to get her' and that everyone is 'jealous of her.' I have never seen her walk a dog and I have only seen her clean a handful of cages. I have seen her blame everyone else for HER kennel's dirty conditions. She often blames the rodent or tick infestations on the German Shepard rescue housed next door. Insufficient help was blamed on Susan Marlowe's refusal to spend money on CR, failed dog deliveries blamed on Janet Wingfield 'not showing up' for the deliveries, tick infestation also blamed on her former assistant, Jaime, for giving Kimi Peck "bad Frontline," and all filth or lack of water blamed on Ron, Tony and Mikey, her kennel workers, who Kimi called "losers."

40. Kimi has purchased pure breed puppies (Maltese, 2 Dachshunds, and a Golden Retriever) who are all now confined to cages or runs.

41. Kimi Peck often fails to get the dogs in her care fixed or spayed. She put the 2 dachshunds she purchased into a run together and they mated. She blamed her vet, Dr. Hohne, saying "he refused to fix them." She would not acknowledge that being in the same run was the real reason. In fact, she told me "there isn't an overpopulation of Dachshunds," so she didn't feel that bad about it. She said she could "sell them for a lot of money" and help her kennel. She never did sell them. I have heard to this day they live in cages 24/7, except for the blind puppy who she adopted out. I have seen her carelessness lead to other dogs getting pregnant. A older Pekingese got pregnant in the summer and Kimi Peck insisted there had to be a dog on the patio "whose testicles never fell", which caused the 'surprise' pregnancy.

42. I have seen hundreds of dogs that live in their cages or kennel runs 24/7. Some of the medium or large dogs were in cages too small for comfort. There is no exercise or play time for dogs that are crated. Many dogs there have not seen the light of day since the kennel opened a couple of years ago. Unless they are on the floor, they are stuck in cages 24/7. They do not receive any stimulation whatsoever. Some get walked on adoption day, but only a tiny percentage. I have seen countless dogs with overgrown nails and dirty or matted hair. I know that she had cut nails recently with all the attention she received from animal control, but the norm there was long curled nails, matted hair (on long haired dogs) and rotten teeth.

## **LITTLE MEDICAL CARE FOR THE DOGS**

43. During the summer of 2004, I took it upon myself to treat 4 dogs for mange using daily doses of ivermectin from July thru the beginning of September. Although I had asked Kimi Peck many times about treating the dogs, she either claimed the problem was "chronic" and untreatable, or that they were being treated, or that they couldn't tolerate the medicine and vinegar dips were better.

44. One dog I treated was Yoda, a Boxer who was raw from toe to shoulder, including his entire face, with mange as long as I had seen him at CR. Kimi Peck had insisted to everyone that she spent "\$5,000" on his treatments but he didn't respond due to having "chronic mange". In addition, I treated (a) "Silky", a small doxie mix with absolutely no hair; (b) "Princeton", a very small chihuahua mix puppy with lots of missing hair; (c) "Snowbird", a white terrier mix with thin hair; and (d) "Bentley", a cocker with severe hot spots, thick green pus in both ears, and pus filled eyes.

45. The long and short of it is, after I treated all dogs, there was SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS. Yoda healed almost completely and for the first time I had seen that he had hair on his legs and no raw skin covering his legs and face. Snowbird and Princeton both developed pretty much full coats of hair. After seeing Bentley, Dr. Hohne gave me additional medication (antibiotics, eye ointment) and her eyes and ears infections cleared up and both looked fine. In addition, her "hot spots" cleared up. Silky responded very slowly - but for the first time, she had hair. Not a full coat, but she made progress.

46. After returning to my teaching job in September, 2004, Kimi Peck swore she would medicate them. She didn't and all dogs slowly began to regress. When I asked about the treatments, she even went as far as to tell me her new vet, Dr. Schwartz had advised her that she didn't need to give the medicine daily - 'just every 5 days.' This is NOT a proper application of ivermectin - which always calls for daily treatments until the mange problem is resolved.

47. Bentley regressed to the point of constantly pushing her head into the ground to comfort the itch and pain of her sore puss filled ears. It was so unbearable to watch this dog rub her head on the ground that Gary adopted her. When he took her to the vet, she had pneumonia along with the bad ear infections. Her conditions cleared after two weeks of antibiotics and have NEVER recurred,

despite Kimi's claims of Bentley having a "chronic" condition..

48. Yoda slowly regressed to point where his paws were leaving trails of blood as his eventual adopter took him for a walk. Laura Burkes also saw blood in his run and Kimi Peck told her, "Oh he has a tumor I might need to remove...". Not true - it was from the raw skin of mange. Luckily - thanks to Robin, Yoda was adopted and has recovered from this so called 'chronic mange' - I remained in touch with his new owner, who also informed me he had an undiagnosed thyroid condition that would have easily been detected through a blood test, and a large, painful ulcer on his stomach. It cost nearly \$1000.00 for Yoda to recover from his neglect at CR. Thankfully, all issues are being treated (thyroid condition requires lifelong use of medication) or have resolved (his "chronic" mange has been cured) thanks to his wonderful new owner's diligence and love.

49. Silky - according to Laura Burkes who is still currently volunteering at CR, reported she has NO hair at all again.

50. I also adopted a dog from Kimi Peck that was in horrid shape. Apparently, this dog came in as a puppy with his whole family. When I first saw him he was as cute as a button - looked like a small lamb ( a maltese chihuahua mix who looks like a poodle). His name at the kennel was "Boppy".

51. As time passed in the kennel, Boppy's condition deteriorated severely. He was born blind, and he began to compulsively spin in circles in his cage since he only got out if a person came to try to adopt him. Kimi Peck insisted he was blind and spinning due to "brain damage", but she offered no proof and never had him evaluated. Gary would often take him out of his cage and bathe him as he became increasingly dirty while walking (spinning) and sleeping in a filthy cage. His paws and lower body fur were regularly covered with feces and urine.

52. After a couple of months, I decided to see if I could get him to walk on a leash and not spin. I was actually successful. I had taken him to the open parking lot and even showed Kimi Peck. I asked her if someone could please work with him every day just for maybe 15 minutes so he would stop the compulsive spinning. I recall her agreeing, but as time passed, I realized this was not ever happening.

53. After about 3 months in a cage, Boppy developed demodex mange. In about few weeks, he started to have missing hair and red raw patches all over his body. It was obvious he was not receiving any treatment as he only worsened every weekend I came. Besides the raw patches, his coat was completely matted and he smelled absolutely horrific, even if Gary would bathe him. Eventually, I asked Kimi if I could adopt him and she said yes. His leg hair was solid with mats. I never saw anything like it. When I took him home, I bathed him but the smell was just somehow caked into his remaining fur. I literally went and bought an air purifier that day it was so bad. I could not believe how neglected this poor puppy was.

54. I took him to the vet the following Monday and began giving him oral antibiotics for his raw skin and ivermectin (mange treatment). He was also shaved to remove what remained of the mats (Kimi and I had to sit and cut at them with scissors before I took him home, as her razor would not even cut through them. Kimi seemed oblivious to the fact that her neglect lead to the severe matting.) The vet techs thought I had found him on the street he was in such awful condition. They were shocked when I told them he had been living at a rescue for months. Within two weeks of treatment, Boppy's skin made remarkable progress, again proving Kimi Peck was NOT providing any medical treatment for him. What amazed me most is this poor dog, who spun endlessly while at CR, stopped spinning. He was curious of his new surroundings and ventured farther and farther each day. I didn't even really have to work with him. He stopped spinning on his own. As for the imagined brain damage Kimi Peck insisted blinded him? I took him to my dog's eye specialist, Dr. Alison Hoffman, and she discovered he had been born without optic nerves. THAT is why he is blind, not "brain damage." I don't understand why Kimi made up these diagnoses. Why couldn't a veterinarian actually assess each dog.

55. Today, I continue to be amazed at how this once sadly pathetic little dog, who I know would have died at CR, is strong, curious, playful, loving, and fools everyone he meets - no one ever thinks he is blind, as he gets around perfectly. All it took was getting him out of a cage and into a loving home (oh and medication for his mange...). I still cannot believe my poor pet had to suffer so much early in his life. He did not deserve to be neglected. Kimi should be ashamed at her neglect of Boppy.

56. I believe that most dogs under Kimi's "care" are sick, suffering, and in some cases, dying. The majority face a life-time of living in cages, wallowing in their own filth, until they drop dead without humane euthanasia. I believe Kimi Peck should not be allowed to run any type of adoption agency or "sanctuary"for animals. I also believe she should be prosecuted for this neglect.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

**HOLLY HAVLIK**