

NO. 06-08336

ELLEN AND ALAN MEYER
Plaintiffs,

v.

DALLAS-FT. WORTH METRO
GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB
AND JUDY WORD,
Defendants

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

44TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

STATE OF TEXAS)

COUNTY OF TARRANT)

AFFIDAVIT OF BERNADETTE TETRO

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared


BERNADETTE TETRO, personally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and who, on her oath, stated as follows:

1. My name is BERNADETTE TETRO. I am over twenty-one years old, am of sound mind, and have not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. I am in all respects competent to testify to the facts stated in this Affidavit. The facts stated in this Affidavit are within my personal knowledge, and they are true and correct.
2. I am a former member in good standing of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Golden Retriever Club. While I was a member of the Club I served as a Puppy Referral volunteer.
3. During my service as a Puppy Referral volunteer there was never a requirement that a Puppy Referral volunteer disclose any health concerns for an individual litter, puppy, dog available through puppy referral during the screening and education of a potential puppy buyer. The only responsibility for accepting the listing of a Club member's litter/puppy was the breeder's responsibility to furnish proof of the parent's clearances for hips, eyes, and hearts by the approved sources as stated in the GRCA's Code of ethics.
4. While working as a Puppy Referral volunteer, I was directly contacted by Debbie Allen, who at the time was serving as the Puppy Referral Chairperson. Debbie Allen gave me a list of dogs including a 1 year old male and a 1 year old female, that were her dogs. I was interested in the male dog for a friend of mine and asked Debbie Allen why she was listing the male. Debbie Allen personally told me that the dog was dysplastic. Still, I was never instructed by Debbie Allen and/or any member of Puppy Referral, and/or any member of the Board of DFWMGRC to disclose the health condition to people who called into the Puppy Referral Service.

5. I have attached to my affidavit correspondence from a former Puppy Referral Chairperson, Carol Sandusky, which is attached to this affidavit as Exhibit "J1" and correspondence from Debbie Allen, which is attached to this affidavit as Exhibit "J2" who served as Puppy Referral Chairperson. I was instructed in the documents attached herein that it was not the responsibility of the referral volunteer to offer an opinion on any breeder or their practices to the potential buyers I was educating and/or screening. I was instructed that health disclosures were to be left to the breeder.


BERNADETTE TETRO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before on this the 28th day of March, 2007, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.


Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission Expires:

