

What is a Class B Dealer?

Class B Dealers supply “random-source” cats and dogs to research laboratories. Most Class B Dealers operate essentially unchecked and the animals are usually abused and suffer in horrible living conditions until they are sold for use in animal experiments.

This authorized Class B Dealer who will be purchasing animals from the Gladwin Shelter is one of three Class B Dealers in Michigan and is the largest in the country. Apparently this Dealer was charged with violations of the Animal Welfare Act alleging that the conditions of his kennels were substandard and the care of the dogs and cats received did not meet the minimum standards set the government and was found guilty and fined heavily. The case was overturned on appeal. This Class B Dealer was authorized to take animals from the Jackson County Animal Control but concern taxpayers and citizens, fought to have this stopped. Now Gladwin County needs your help to stop this Class B Dealer!

GLADWIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE TO SELL SHELTER ANIMALS FOR RESEARCH!

Gladwin Country Commissioners have voted 6 to 1 to allow a Class B Dealer, to purchase animals from the Gladwin County Animal Shelter for research and animal experimentation!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

**Attend the next Commissioner’s meeting on
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH AT 9:00 AM
The Commissioners office is located at the County
Courthouse on M-61 in downtown Gladwin.
The meeting is on the 3rd Floor.**

Contact each Commissioner and demand this decision be overturned! See the back of this flyer for names and contact information. Let them know that you will remember their names during re-election time!

Spread the word to family, friends and co-workers!



The Story of Biscuit

“Biscuit is a mostly cocker spaniel with a very calm, sweet and gentle personality. He weighs only about 30 pounds and is the perfect size—not too big, not too little. Biscuit is also a perfect age—about 3 years old. No puppy chewing and digging and training to worry about—this is the perfect dog with the perfect personality for any family.”

That was Biscuit’s web site write-up, pleading for an adoptive family. Instead, Biscuit met a very imperfect and tragic end when he was removed from the shelter by a Class B Dealer. His fate is unknown and most likely a tortured demise as a research animal.



The Story of Bradley

Bradley was a wonderfully sweet fellow who showed up at someone’s front door, begging to be let in, bewildered and lost in the dead of winter. The family was confident that this beautiful and well-trained dog must have a family who was frantically looking for him. In the hopes of quickly reuniting Bradley with his family, they brought him to the shelter.

Sadly, there was no family, so Bradley began to hope with all his heart for a new family that would love him forever, just as he would have loved them. Unfortunately, Bradley will never get that chance as he, along with four other hapless dogs, was snatched by a Class B Dealer to be sold to corporate, industrial or medical research.

The people who thought they were doing the right thing by bringing Bradley to the shelter to be reunited with his family were betrayed. Bradley was betrayed. Those of us who loved him were betrayed.

**Already this Class B Dealer has already purchased for profit from the Gladwin Country Animal Shelter and took two dogs!
Please help us to put a stop to this!**

The time to stop this IS NOW before anymore animals are seized!

Gladwin County Commissioners

Chairman	Terry Whittington	989-435-9660
Commissioner	Lou Kalowinski	989-426-6602
Commissioner	Bill Rhode	989-426-9002 (only one who voted "NO")
Commissioner	Josh Reid	989-426-9071
Commissioner	Frank Grimes	989-426-9623
Commissioner	Tom Hoag	989-426-3036
Commissioner	Mike Hargrave	989-426-5447

Commissioners do not have individual email boxes but email can be sent to them at commissioner@gladwinco.com

The commissioners' office number is 989-426-4821. Either ask for the individual commissioners or log your complaints with the commissioner's secretary, Carmen Chavez.

The next commissioners meeting is on **Tuesday, August 8th @ 9:00 AM**. The Commissioners office is located at the County Courthouse on M-61 in downtown Gladwin. The meeting is on the 3rd floor.

The Gladwin County Record & Clarion is writing an article in regard to County animals being sold to "class B" dealers for research. Send any information you may have to support the article Michelle Grave at reporter@ejourney.com. Any links, photos, articles, film clips, whatever you have on Class B Dealers, research labs, and puppy mills should be sent to Michelle. **The more we educate her the better we educate the county residents.**

**TELL THESE COMMISSIONERS THAT WE WILL
REMEMBER WHEN IT IS TIME TO VOTE AT THE RE-ELECTIONS!**



Each year, 42,000 dogs/puppies (and even more cats/kittens) are sold to veterinary schools and research labs by Class B dealers, who are required by federal law to buy the animals from pounds, shelters and small breeders and to treat them humanely. However, many Class B dealers violate the law. HBO's Documentary DEALING DOGS exposes the abuses that took place at one of America's most notorious Class B dealers - Martin Creek Kennel in Arkansas. **To learn more about this documentary and read actual interviews, go to www.hbo.com and do a search on DEALING DOGS.**

This effort is sponsored by concern citizens of Gladwin and Midland Counties and Pet Rescue Groups of Michigan.