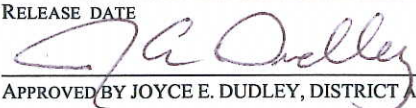


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Re: The People of the State of California vs. Sandra Coupal

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce Dudley announced today that the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Office has filed two misdemeanor counts against Sandra Coupal alleging animal cruelty and failing to provide proper care and attention to animals. On December 10, 2011, County Animal Services, assisted by Santa Barbara Humane Society and Sheriff's Department personnel, executed a search warrant allowing the seizure of approximately 400 animals from Ms. Coupal's residence. The animals included turkeys, guinea hens, roosters, hens, pigeons, quail, dogs, cats, a rabbit and an alpaca. All of the animals are currently being cared for by the Santa Barbara Humane Society.

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