

Kennel Owner Guilty of Dog Abuse, Torture

Minnesota judge orders woman to serve jail time, community service.

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The operator of Pick of the Litter kennel in New York Mills, Minn., was sentenced to 20 days in jail after being found guilty of multiple counts of animal cruelty and torture.

Kathy Jo Bauck was ordered by Judge Waldemar Senyk on May 1, 2009, to also pay a \$500 fine as part of her conviction. Her sentence also calls for probation and 80 hours of community service.

Bauck has housed more than 1,300 dogs of 32 breeds at Pick of the Litter, according to inspection reports. Evidence against her included undercover video that exposed how the dogs and puppies were being treated.

On March 24, after a 4½-day trial and six hours of deliberation, a jury cleared Bauck of felony charges but found her guilty of four misdemeanors -- one count of animal cruelty and three counts of torture.

Bauck must now allow unscheduled kennel inspections if she plans to keep running the business.