

ADAMS, Catherine Jessica (2015)



NOTE: See additional record from 2018 on this offender [here](#).

Alias(es), if any:

- Cathy, Kathy, Kathie, Cat, Kat
- Stacy Mavrick

Age at time of offence: 21

Name(s) of co-accused: ADAMS, Karin Leeanna (mother)

Name(s) of victim(s): Unknown

Species and breed of victim(s):

18 horses, 18 dogs, 2 cats, 15 birds (53 animals in total) and 104 fish

Province(s) of offence(s): British Columbia

Town/City of offence(s): Houston

Date(s) of offence(s): August 28, 2014 (date of animal seizure)

Nature of offence:

- puppy mill
- starved
- neglected (lack of adequate food, water, shelter, exercise, and/or care)

Charges:

- Causing unnecessary pain, suffering, or injury to an animal; Criminal Code of Canada, Section 445.1 (1) (a)
- Causing or permitting an animal to be in distress (2 counts); British Columbia Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, Section 9.1

Date of sentence: October 15, 2015

Sentence details:

- **20-YEAR BAN** (effective in BC only) on owning animals
UPDATE: Catherine Adams' November 2, 2018 conviction provided that she was **banned from owning animals, "or being in the care or control of dogs" for the next 17 years** (see <https://www.hannaherald.com/news/national/adams-receives-jail-time>)
- 6 month conditional sentence, to be served in the residence of a family member
- 3 years of probation, subject to conditions
- \$100 victim surcharge
- She and Karin must repay \$5,456 in veterinary costs to the BC SPCA

Other charges convicted of:

- See 2018 record for this offender [here](#)
- Catherine Adams has been charged with breach of probation order and is scheduled to go to trial in Quesnel, British Columbia on May 16, 2019.

Name of Judge: Unknown

Additional notes:

- [Karin and Catherine Adams had 16 dogs "in distress" seized from them in Quesnel, British Columbia on July 1, 2018](#); charges are pending
- Both Karin and her daughter Catherine use aliases and are known to frequent several locations in British Columbia (including Quesnel, Smithers, Houston, and Prince George) and Alberta (including Hanna, Olds, Innisfail, and Red Deer).

Links to news articles:

- http://www.interior-news.com/breaking_news/333141691.html?mobile=true
- http://www.interior-news.com/breaking_news/325799541.html
- <http://globalnews.ca/news/1851306/b-c-mom-and-daughter-charged-with-cruelty-to-over-100-animals/>

Link to court decision transcript (this information may often be found by searching the database at <https://www.canlii.org/en/>): Not available

See photos and PDFs of articles on following pages.

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A Great Dane was living in this kennel.



Catherine / Karin Adams

Two German Shepherds were living here.



B.C. mom and daughter charged with cruelty to over 100 animals

By Staff The Canadian Press



File / Global News

HOUSTON, B.C. – Animal cruelty charges have been laid against a B.C. mother and daughter who had dozens of animals seized from them last summer.

The SPCA says its constables found 18 horses, 18 dogs, 15 birds, two cats and 104 fish in various levels of distress on Karin and Catherine Adams' property, east of Houston, last August.

SPCA Const. Debbie Goodine says the horses were living in unsanitary living conditions, lacked food, water and shelter, were underweight and suffered from poor hoof care and suspected parasite loads.

She says the other animals were living in substandard and unsafe conditions and faced serious medical and dental issues.

Goodine says the animals received extensive veterinary care and were moved to new homes.

The SPCA says the mother and daughter have been charged under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, as well as the Criminal Code of Canada, and are expected to appear in court on March 16.

Residents in the community have started a petition calling for the duo to go to jail.

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Houston mother and daughter sentenced for animal cruelty charges

A Houston mother and daughter have been banned from owning animals for 20 years after they neglected their pets.

[ALICIA BRIDGES](#) / Oct. 15, 2015 5:00 a.m. / [NEWS](#)



Karin Adams and her daughter Catherine have been sentenced for animal cruelty charges relating to animals seized by the BCSPCA from a property near Houston on Aug. 28

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Houston
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for 20 years under individual sentences handed down to them in the Smithers Provincial Court today.

Karin Adams, aged 43, and her 22-year-old daughter Catherine were sentenced for animal cruelty and neglect offences relating to animals seized from their property by the BCSPCA on Aug. 28, 2014.

Emaciation, poor living conditions, parasite infestation, lack of food, water and medical treatment were among the conditions affecting some of the dogs and horses in their care.

Karin, who appeared via video-link because she was in custody, pleaded guilty to two counts of causing or permitting an animal to be in distress.

She was sentenced to two years of probation, subject to conditions, in addition to the 15 days jail time she had already served while in custody.

Catherine Adams also pleaded guilty to two counts of causing or permitting an animal to be in distress, as well as one count of causing unnecessary pain or suffering to an animal.

She received a six-month conditional sentence to be served in the residence of a family member, followed by a three year probation order subject to a range of conditions.

Both women have been banned from owning animals for 20 years and ordered to undergo counselling as a condition of their probation.

They were also ordered to pay back \$5,456 in veterinary costs to the BCSPCA.

Both Karin and Catherine will be restricted from working with animals during their probation.

A more detailed story will be published in the Oct. 21 edition of *The Interior News*.

Mother and daughter accused of animal abuse crimes in Houston face new charges in Alberta

A mother and daughter accused of animal abuse crimes in Houston are facing new charges in Alberta.

ALICIA BRIDGES / Sep. 8, 2015 11:00 a.m. / NEWS



Horses seized by the BC SPCA near Houston on Aug. 28

A mother and daughter accused of animal abuse crimes in Houston are facing

new charges in Alberta, where police and the local SPCA last week seized 53 animals from a rural property they were renting.

On Sept. 3, Karin Adams and her daughter Catherine were charged with animal cruelty after police allegedly found animals in distress at their

residence near the village of Cereal, which is about 300 kilometres northeast of Calgary.

Oyen RCMP had gone to the property to arrest the women for allegedly failing to comply with the court-ordered conditions of an ongoing animal abuse case against them in Houston.

Police said those conditions restricted the types of animals they could own and required them to stay in regular contact with a Ministry of Justice worker.

The RCMP launched a new investigation into animal cruelty after they allegedly found 11 horses, 25 dogs and 17 birds in distress at the residence.

With help from the Alberta SPCA, all of the animals were seized, relocated and looked at by a veterinarian.

The accused have been charged with cruelty to animals, wilful neglect of animals, possession of stolen property and failing to comply with the conditions of an undertaking.

The stolen property charge relates to allegations some of the animals were stolen.

Oyen RCMP Corporal Jeff Clarke said police believe the animals were being kept for breeding purposes. He said speculation on social media the animals were used for fighting was incorrect.

Their first court appearance on those charges will be at Hanna Provincial Court, Alta. on Oct. 28. One of the conditions of their release is that they do not own any animals.

Both Karin and Catherine Adams are also scheduled to appear in Smithers Provincial Court on Nov. 18 to stand trial for two charges each of causing unnecessary pain to an animal and one charge each of causing or permitting an animal to be in distress. They pleaded not guilty to the charges in April.

The charges relate to the alleged mistreatment of animals in their care, which were seized by the B.C. SPCA from a property near Houston on Aug. 28 last year.

Horses, dogs, birds and cats were among the 53 animals removed by the animal welfare authority.