

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NEWAYGO

CHERYL L. MCCLOUD,

Petitioner,

CASE NO.: 17-55485-PH

v

HON. GRAYDON W. DIMKOFF

LORI A. SHEPLER a/k/a LORIE A. SHEPLER,

Respondent.

Cheryl L. McCloud
Petitioner

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AFFIDAVIT OF LORI A. SHEPLER

Lori A. Shepler, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a resident of _____.
2. I am a photojournalist and worked at the Los Angeles Times for 25 years until 2009. Since then, I've worked as a freelancer for Associated Press, Reuters, and UPI.
3. I am passionate about the issue of declawing cats and kittens.
4. Over the past several years, the movement to ban declawing has grown exponentially with millions of individuals signing petitions and working to ban the procedure.
5. The following countries have banned declawing: England, Scotland, Wales, Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Norway, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Denmark, Finland, Israel, Slovenia, Portugal, Belgium, Spain, Brazil, Australia, and New Zealand.
6. In the United States, eight cities in California banned declawing in 2003 and in 2009. Declawing was recently banned in Denver in November 2017. There are bills pending in New Jersey, West Virginia, New York and Rhode Island.

7. Over the past several months I have been in communication with Petitioner, Cheryl McCloud, who is the owner of Lake Haven, a rescue shelter which routinely declaws cats and kittens before placing them for adoption, in an attempt to help educate on the cruelty of declawing.
8. Specific to the allegations in Petitioner's Request for a Personal Protection Order, I have never threatened Petitioner in any fashion whatsoever and I have not physically been in the State of Michigan in over 45 years.
9. As to the claim of "associates" of mine threatening Petitioner, I have never met nor had any communication whatsoever with Isabell Daniela Eling, Sharon Goodman, R.J. Smith, Kristine Longstaff, Vickie Hawkins Leitch, Cheri Hadley, Angela Paredes, Kimmiecat3, Rosemary Guzman, Frances Lebowitz, or blackhawksforlife88@gmail.com.
10. I simply don't know any of them, and have no control over their use of social media.
11. I own a cat named City the Kitty who has his own web site and Facebook presence and who I use to communicate on issues like declawing.
12. Donna Drury was a City the Kitty follower. I have never met Ms. Drury but have some contact with her through texts, phone calls, and emails.
13. Kim Horan is also a City the Kitty follower, but I have never met her.
14. My goal has always been to try to educate people about the facts about declawing and how it is very inhumane and always harmful to the long-term health and well-being of kittens and cats and I believe that I have done it with respect and honor. I also try to educate people about the simple, commonsense humane alternatives to declawing, like sturdy scratchers, nail trims, Soft Paws, and deterrents so they don't want this mutilating procedure done to their kittens and cats.

Lori A. Shepler

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this _____ day of December, 2017.
