

## Tiger Ranch Cat Sanctuary Owner Will Face New Charges

**Pennsylvania officials will file new animal cruelty charges against Linda Bruno, owner of Tiger Ranch Cat Sanctuary.**

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Animal control officers seized hundreds of cats from the Tiger Ranch Cat Sanctuary in March. The day after a judge dismissed animal cruelty charges against Linda Bruno, owner of Tiger Ranch Cat Sanctuary in Frazer, Pa., the district attorney's office said it will re-file the existing charges, along with new counts of animal cruelty. With the new counts added to the existing charges, Bruno will face 491 counts of animal cruelty, the Valley News Dispatch (Pennsylvania) reports.

Bruno was charged with 14 counts of animal cruelty last month after the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals raided her 29-acre Tiger Ranch property on March 13 and removed 406 cats. District Judge Suzanne Blaschak ruled that Bruno's attorney was not provided enough information to file a plea or mount a defense against the charges, and dismissed them on Thursday.

In a news release from the Allegheny County District Attorney Office, spokesman Mike Manko said, "Based on the concern raised ... by the magisterial district judge, this office will once again review the materials and re-file the charges in a timely fashion."

Manko said the district attorney's office had reviewed the evidence, criminal complaint and affidavit related to Bruno's arrest. The office will re-file the original 14 counts along with 477 new counts of animal cruelty. Misdemeanor charges will account for 208 of the charges, with 283 of the counts being summary offenses.

The misdemeanors will include one count each for the 106 cats found dead on the Tiger Ranch property, as well as a count for each of the 102 cats that have died or needed to be euthanized after being removed from the property.

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