

To whom it may concern:

I am sending this letter in regard to animal cruelty and neglect occurring at A Touch of Majic Equestrian Center at 2 Old Farm Lane Pepperell, Massachusetts. I was employed at A Touch of Majic from August of 2017 to July of 2018, I quit my position as a stable hand in July as I could no longer condone the cruel treatment and neglect to the animals by the owners of the property, Meghan Bourque Tyler and Ryan Tyler. I witnessed firsthand that they would run out of hay and grain to feed the horses regularly. It happened often enough that all the horses dropped weight, most dropped 100-200 pounds, my own horse included. I attached pictures of my own horse below from the day he moved in to their care when I purchased him in December of 2017 to June of 2018.



December 2017 (The month I purchased him)



June 2018 (Pictured at a show)

Bandy, my horse who is pictured above, was turned out in a (roughly estimated, not exact) 270x100 ft paddock with 12 other geldings and would have to fight for food. Two bales of hay were split up for all 13 horses in that paddock in the morning and it was meant to last all throughout the day. It was nowhere near enough to begin with and where they would fight for food many of them would not get even a flake a day. The horses in that paddock were also not wormed on a regular rotation as promised, and Bandy contracted a high level of worms in his time there. I removed Bandy from A Touch of Majic in July of 2018 where he is actually wormed regularly by the barn staff, is given hay 3 times a day and grain twice a day, and he has since gained all of his lost weight and muscle back.

I have many more photos I will attach also, which show Meghan and Ryan's lack of care and cruel neglect to many boarders' horses as well as their own. On June 18, 2018 I was scheduled to feed PM hay and grain. When I arrived for my shift that night, I found one of their sale-horses named Rasta standing in a filthy stall, which was clearly not cleaned. Rasta also had 2 water buckets which had manure and undrinkable water in them. (See pictures below). This was not a one-time occurrence that I arrived for my shift to find many horses without clean stalls or fresh water.



Rasta's water buckets, June 18, 2018



Rasta pictured in her filthy stall on June 18, 2018. You can clearly see her ribs, the fungal infection on her legs, and her neglected feet which Ryan Tyler was responsible for doing farrier-work.

For reference, Rasta was a sale-horse who came to the facility in November of 2017 from Jessica Halliday of JH Eventing in Sutton, MA. Rasta lost a great amount of weight over the winter, you can see her ribs in the pictures above. Where her stall was in their indoor arena and not in the main barn, her stall was skipped over often, and she was left standing in puddles of her own urine and piles of manure for days. It was so bad that she contracted the fungal infection “scratches” and a severe case of thrush that went untreated for months. Ryan Tyler is a self-proclaimed farrier who was responsible for caring for Rasta’s feet, and as you can see in that picture as well her feet were greatly neglected.

Below I have attached pictures of another horse in their care, Brooklyn (who is at their facility on a free lease from her owner) whose feet went unattended for months as well. She came to us with two front shoes but after two months of not having her feet done, her feet were very long, and she pulled one shoe. Meghan and Ryan knew about this but continued using her in lessons despite her only having one shoe. These were her feet in June of 2018:



Brooklyn’s right front foot, June 6, 2018.



Brooklyn’s same right front foot June 16, 2018.

There were 6 stalls in their indoor arena, 3 of which were so-called temporary stalls which were erected using 4 corral panels, were not secure, and were used as stalls for over 8 months. One morning, Sunday of May 13, 2018, I arrived to find a boarder’s horse which they moved to the temp stall the night prior with his leg stuck in one of the panels, panicking. I and a working student were able to release him, but he was not putting pressure on his left hind leg. He was very anxious, and we would have taken him out of the stall, however the panel was bent and wedged in a way that it took 3 people to release it. When I finally was able to get a hold of Ryan, he was not concerned and did not come down to check on him despite me asking him to.



Mylo after we freed his leg from the panel.

These are very few specifics of hundreds of examples I could give regarding the cruelty and neglect which is inflicted upon the horses and other animals under the care of Meghan Bourque Tyler and Ryan Tyler at A Touch of Majic. I also have many text messages from July 3, 2018 the night before I left between myself and Meghan Tyler where I confronted her regarding these ongoing issues and she lies, manipulates, and changes her story many times. I will send screenshots upon request. I appreciate you taking the time to read my email. My number is (978) 512-0206, I would be happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,
Justin Rollins



I texted Meghan on the morning of April 22, 2018 at 8:08 AM when I arrived for my shift to find that they had not purchased grain and we did not have enough to feed the horses. Meghan and Ryan did not wake up until 9:40 AM, so I fed the horses small amounts of the grain that was available.



The same night, April 22, 2018 at 7:08 PM we still had not received the grain delivery Meghan supposedly called in. I once again had to substitute all the horse's grain. Many of the horses at the time had strict diets as they were trying to regain the weight they had lost while at A Touch of Majic. None of the boarders were ever aware how often we ran out of grain.



How I found my own horse's stall on the night of January 8, 2018. He had no hay, and both water buckets were also frozen.



Stall conditions one night when I arrived for work. No shavings were available.