

ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAM

v.

KATHLEEN O'CONNELL

Submitted on Briefs March 27, 2024
Decided April 9, 2024

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, HORTON, CONNORS, and DOUGLAS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Kathleen O'Connell appeals from a judgment of the Superior Court (*Stewart, J.*) affirming a judgment of the District Court (*S. Driscoll, J.*) entered in favor of the Animal Welfare Program on its application seeking possession of a large population of animals belonging to O'Connell. *See* 17 M.R.S. §§ 1021, 1027(2-A) (2023). Contrary to O'Connell's contentions, we discern no error or abuse of discretion in the trial court's factual findings, legal conclusions, or discretionary determinations. Nor did the trial court obviously err on any issues that O'Connell raises for the first time on appeal. *See State v. Nisbet*, 2018 ME 113, ¶ 16, 191 A.3d 359; *Morey v. Stratton*, 2000 ME 147, ¶¶ 10-11, 756 A.2d 496.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

Kathleen O'Connell, appellant pro se

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