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ELGIN WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY FOR CRUEL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

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An Elgin woman will serve jail time for mistreating animals on rural Kane County property.

Stacy A. Fiebelkorn, 36 (d.o.b. 5-8-1979), of the 1000 block of Borden Drive, Elgin, today agreed to a sentence of 90 days in jail and two years' probation in exchange for a guilty plea to cruel treatment of animals, a Class A misdemeanor.

Associate Judge Thomas Stanfa accepted the plea.

Prosecutors presented evidence that on March 3, 2014, Fiebelkorn knowingly subjected rabbits, alpacas, llamas, goats, chickens, turkeys, ducks, mini-horses, horses and mini-donkeys to cruel treatment in that she starved and abused them. The mistreatment took place at a farm on U.S. Route 20 near Hampshire.

In addition to the jail and probation terms, Fiebelkorn must undergo a psychological evaluation and follow all terms, and she is barred from owning, possessing, controlling or caring for any animals during the probation period.

According to Illinois law, Fiebelkorn is eligible for day-for-day sentencing. She receives credit for one day served in the Kane County jail. She had been free on \$150 bond.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Joseph Cullen and Megan Baxter.

"There is a national consensus that animal abuse should be treated as a serious crime. This sentence reflects that expectation," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said. "Thanks to all of the volunteers who stepped forward in response to these animals in need."