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## Animal Advocacy UW-Madison Flyer Concern

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**To** Jackson Buckles Ray <jbray4@wisc.edu>

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Animal Advocacy UW-Madison Poster.jpg;

Dear Jackson,

I am writing to follow up regarding a flyer posted by your Registered Student Organization (RSO), Animal Advocacy UW–Madison, in the Student Activities Center (SAC), please see attached.

The flyer references an effort to help save 2,000 beagles and includes a QR code linking to the following Google Doc:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kfqB22HUcQHcSD6zLEqa\\_QWFS6867HbbImyNTPFvhm0/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kfqB22HUcQHcSD6zLEqa_QWFS6867HbbImyNTPFvhm0/edit?tab=t.0)

The same Google Doc is also linked in your organization’s Instagram post:

<https://www.instagram.com/animaladvocacyuw/p/DV9p3oGDqE9/>

At the top of the Google Doc, there is a link to a blog post (<https://blog.simpleheart.org/>) that references not only protesting animal abuse but also entering Riglan Farm and removing dogs from the property. As described, such actions would constitute illegal activity.

While we understand that no criminal behavior has occurred, we want to clearly communicate that *soliciting or encouraging individuals to participate in criminal activity is prohibited* under [Wisconsin State Statute 939.30](#). Additionally, the University of Wisconsin–Madison holds Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) to a high standard of conduct, requiring full compliance with all applicable laws and university policies, including [UW Policy UW-2002](#), the Registered Student Organization Code of Conduct.

As a student organization leader there is an expectation that you take reasonable steps to ensure that all activities, communications, and advocacy efforts conducted by or promoted on behalf of your organization align with university policies and remain within the bounds of the law.

We wish to acknowledge and commend the many lawful advocacy efforts outlined in the Google Doc. Our intent in reaching out is simply to be transparent and to ensure you are aware of the potential consequences should the organization continue to promote activities that are encouraging criminal acts.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to discuss this further. We are happy to provide guidance or support.

Warmly,

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