

# Elk Grove Dog Groomer Sentenced for Felony Animal Cruelty



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*Semper Justitia*

**DATE:** April 5, 2021

**CASE:** Stephanie Frentz (Case #20FE011002)

**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Monica Robinson, Animal Cruelty Unit

On February 11, 2021, Stephanie Frentz of Elk Grove pled to felony animal cruelty. On April 1, 2021, Frentz was sentenced to 180 days in jail, two years probation, and ordered not to groom animals for 10 years.

Frentz owned and operated the dog grooming business Soapy Paws based out of Elk Grove. On May 29, 2020, Frentz was grooming a Miniature Schnauzer named Rosco when she acted in a negligent manner. Frentz allowed Rosco to fall off the grooming table and did not come to his aid for several minutes. Rosco subsequently died of strangulation. Frentz was not forthcoming with the cause of Rosco's death. Through the efforts of Elk Grove Animal Control and the District Attorney's Office, it was determined that Frentz's negligence while grooming Rosco caused his death.

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