



Chambers of  
**MARIA D. HERNANDEZ**  
PRESIDING JUDGE OF JUVENILE COURT

# Superior Court of California County of Orange

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## Orange County Juvenile Court Miscellaneous Order M-2014-4

**Re: Authorization to Conduct a Proposed Research Study  
(Dogs in Juvenile Halls: The Effect of the Pups and Wards (PAW) Program on  
Incarcerated Male Youth) on Youth Supervised by the Orange County Probation  
Department by Ms. Elizabeth Cauffman, An Associate Professor of Psychology and  
Social Behavior at the University of California, Irvine**

The Orange County Probation Department, in partnership with Elizabeth Cauffman, a Professor of Psychology and Social Behavior at the University of California, Irvine, will be conducting a record review and longitudinal study to determine if animal assisted interventions, such as the Pups and Wards (PAW) program, affect the development of qualities associated with reduced criminal behavior during time in custody.

The specific objectives of the study are to: 1) examine the developmental consequences of adolescents' involvement in animal assisted interventions, specifically dog training programs, and 2) determine if there are differences in behavior that may be attributed to the program. Phase I of the study will involve a review of the institutional files of previous PAW participants and their unit mates from 2010-2012, which will serve as a basis for a longitudinal study that is Phase II. Phase II will consist of interviews of all the participants in the program and their unit mates, during which measures of psychological development will be administered by the Dogs in Juvenile Halls (DJH) study team. It will also involve tracking other aspects of these youths' lives, including but not limited to education, health, and criminal activity before, during and after their stay in the institution. The study is in compliance with the UCI Institutional Review Board.

**FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN THERFOR, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Chief Probation Officer of the County of Orange, or designee, is hereby authorized to permit Elizabeth Cauffman and her study team to conduct this research with our youth.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the data collection pertaining to this study adhere to the UCI Human Subjects regulations and federal guidelines for research involving juvenile offenders and that a final report of this research will be shared with the Chief Probation Officer.

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**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the DJH study team shall have access to all juvenile justice facilities in order to interview the participating minors.

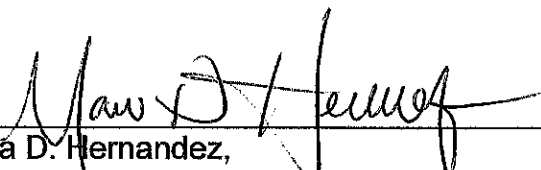
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the DJH study team shall have access to electronic and hard copy files of the Probation Department relating to minors participating in the study without the necessity of filing a Petition pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the DJH study team shall have access to electronic and hard copies of juvenile court case files relating to the participating minors without the necessity of filing a Petition pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Chief Probation Officer, or designee, be authorized to allow Dr. Elizabeth Cauffman and the staff and students who work under her supervision to conduct the proposed research and that the anonymity of the minors who participate and data collected will be maintained confidential.

This Juvenile Court Miscellaneous Order is to remain in effect until January 1, 2018 unless otherwise ordered by the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2014.

  
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Maria D. Hernandez,  
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court