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 CIRCUIT COURT OF  
 JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**

JACKSON COUNTY,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
V.	)	Case No.: DV-2017-000080.00
	)	
GRADEN BRIAN KEITH,	)	
GRADEN MELODY JUSTICE,	)	
Defendants.	)	

**ORDER**

This matter was before the Court this date for bench trial. The parties were present and represented by counsel. After hearing the testimony and evidence presented it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. The Court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the four (4) pit bull dogs owned by the defendants are dangerous animals as defined by Jackson County Resolution #15-19 entered November 9, 2015.
2. The Court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the four (4) pit bull dogs have caused death to one human being and serious physical injury to another human being and shall be humanely euthanized.
3. The expenses incurred for impounding, feeding and providing veterinary care to the dogs in the amount of \$1,053.41 are taxed to the defendants, Brian Keith Graden and Melody Justice Graden. The court costs are taxed to the defendants.
4. This Order may be appealed to the Circuit Court of Jackson County if an appeal is filed within fourteen (14) calendar days of this date. The dogs shall remain impounded pending the outcome of the appeal and final disposition.

**DONE this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.**

**/s/ DON WORD**  
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**DISTRICT JUDGE**