

Years ago we adopted our dog Django from Mirandas. My 10-year-old daughter Alia was smitten with this dog as well as the rescue mission of Shannon Miranda and his sanctuary.

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My young daughter asked me if there was anything we could do to pay back Mirandas for the joy of saving this dog's life and giving us the opportunity to become guardians of this precious, sweet dog.

Hence we gathered with eight of her friends, Gillen, Maya, Forest, Shannon, Emily, and Finn. We would meet weekly to plan fundraisers for Mirandas. We held car washes, raffles, yard sales and garage sales.

After our fundraising, I, and these eight beautiful, eager children would go to Mirandas with cash in our hands, gleefully handing it to Shannon Miranda. We would groom the dogs and walk them along the river. Shannon Miranda became their hero.

I speak to you today because 18 years later, these kids are still connected.

When they heard the news about the truth of what Shannon Miranda was engaged in their phones were flying. Their shock palpable.

To understand the greed, the selfishness, the duplicity, and the violence that this gentleman that they looked up to had been engaged in was devastating and a shock to not only me, but them.

I don't have a good understanding of the legal system or the extent of influence the County Boards of Supervisors has on how this investigation may play out.

But what I do know is that if Shannon Miranda does not experience his come-uppance for the egregious actions he has engaged in...what will be the message be to these young adults?

That amorally and violently killing innocent dogs for profit and greed is condoned by the powers that be?

Or that there are people in power that have the moral backbones to stand up and ensure that we model right behavior and set precedents that ensure that actions such as this cannot be legally allowed?

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