

Cat Killer Case Goes to Trial in Palm Beach County, Florida

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A former teacher who is accused of leaving her two cats in her apartment for over a month without food or water is in Palm Beach County court this week. The Boca Raton Woman said she didn't have time to feed her animals and didn't check them for over a month, according to police. Jury selection in the Alison Dinsmore felony [animal cruelty trial](#) began Monday and closing arguments are today.

Alison Dinsmore was a teacher at Congress Middle School in Boynton Beach when she was arrested in April 2009. Prosecutors argue that the cats died an extraordinarily cruel death, clawing in cabinets for food and searching for water. Photographs taken at the scene show one cat's body sprawled inside a kitchen cabinet and the other under a dresser.

Police said Dinsmore admitted to locking the cats inside and she allegedly told police she had been staying with her boyfriend and had gone on a camping trip. Her attorneys claim she left the apartment because of a domestic problem.

Animal Cruelty Charges in Palm Beach County

Animals are given the same humane treatment and protection from exploitation and abuse that humans are. The animal cruelty laws in Florida vary from civil infractions to felonies. Maximum jail time for animal cruelty in Florida is 5 years and fines can be as high as \$10,000.

Animal Cruelty Defense

Have you been accused of neglect or cruelty towards an animal in Palm Beach County? It is important to speak with a knowledgeable [criminal defense lawyer](#) who will advise you on the laws regarding these charges. Attorneys who have experience in animal cruelty cases use many defense strategies to help clients avoid charges and fines associated with their crime. These are serious charges. Hire a Palm Beach County animal cruelty attorney who is serious about helping you.

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