

**Statement by Nottingham Pet Crematorium
regarding conviction of Emma Bent 2nd February 2011**

John and Rita Harbury-Carlisle have run Nottingham Pet Crematorium based at Gamston Bridge for the past 18 years. Nottingham Pet Crematorium specialises in individual pet cremations and is a founder member of the Association of Private Pet Cemeteries & Crematoria (APPCC). They gave the owners of Sam & Bournville, two of the dogs dumped in the field near Lower Harshay, a free individual cremation service for both pets, and a chance for the families to give their pets the dignified send off they were denied by Emma Bent.

John says "We would like to send our heart felt sympathies to all the pet owners caught up in this dreadful incident. Having inspected several sets of pet ashes that came from Peak Pet Cremations I am growing increasingly concerned as to what went on behind the scenes. At best the ashes I have seen so far have not been completely cremated and contain a large proportion of material that could be comprised from uncremated body tissue. In simple terms ashes, whether from a human or pet, are made up of the skeletal remains of that person or animal (the skeletal remains mostly comprise of dry calcium phosphates with some minor minerals, such as salts of sodium and potassium) and should be silvery white or light grey in appearance. When you compare ashes from pets cremated individually at my crematorium and those from Peak Pet Cremations the difference is obvious.

What saddens me the most is that for people that have had their pets cremated by Emma Bent this raises a lot of questions over what they have received back. Worried pet owners can bring their pet ashes for us to look at free of charge if they wish.

It frustrates me that all this could have been avoided if the vets had made some very simple background checks before starting to use Peak Pet Cremations. Instead of contracting to vets using cheap cost prices and offering to remove their clinical waste we have always chosen to offer the best individual cremation service we can, and deal directly with every pet owner to give them complete peace of mind. The fact that many veterinary staff bring their own pets to me but have to send client's pets to the disposal firm they are contracted to speaks for itself."

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