

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION**

Mary Catherine Scheffke, individually and as
Founder of Chicago French Bulldog Rescue,
Inc., NFP,

Plaintiff(s),

Case No: 2026CH04709

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v.

Susan Schultz and Victoria McElligott,
individually and as Directors of Chicago
French Bulldog Rescue, Inc., NFP,

Defendant(s),

and

Chicago French Bulldog Rescue, Inc., NFP,

Nominal Defendant.

ORDER

1. This matter coming to be heard on Plaintiff's fully briefed and argued Motion for a Preliminary Injunction, due notice having been given, and the Court being fully advised in the premises, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

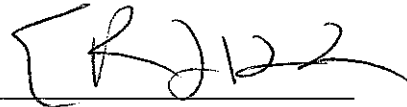
2. The Plaintiff is the founder of the Chicago French Bulldog Rescue Inc, NFP. Until May 7, 2026, she was the president of that organization. On May 7, 2026, the Defendants removed her as president and on May 27, 2026, the Defendants scheduled a vote to remove her as director. If she was removed as director, the Plaintiff would lose her employment, position in the organization and her home. The Plaintiff currently resides at the rescue and is caring for four medically vulnerable French bulldogs with one more on the way. One of the bulldogs has a wheelchair due to paralysis, one is severely deformed and is being fitted for a 3D-printed cast and the remaining dogs need medical care. According to the Plaintiff, there is no backup caregiver. The Defendants want to terminate the Plaintiff and sell the property because they believe that would be in the best interest of the organization. On May 21, 2026, this Court entered a Temporary restraining order enjoining the Defendants from removing the Plaintiff from either her home or her position as director and ordering the Defendants to restore the Plaintiff's access to the rescue organizations funds so she can adequately care for the animals in her care. This case was set for a hearing on a preliminary injunction on June 16, 2026. The Defendants did not file an answer and both parties stated they did not want an evidentiary hearing. Despite that fact, they each attached numerous exhibits for this Court to consider. The Court strikes all of the exhibits except the one exhibit that was attached to the Complaint.

3. As the parties have decided to proceed without an evidentiary hearing, nothing has really changed since the Court addressed the four elements required to obtain injunctive relief at the TRO hearing where it entered its order on May 21, 2026. However, there is one exception and that is that one of the bulldogs, Tulip, needs immediate surgery for her cancer. The Board cancelled the surgery one day prior to the surgery occurring to get a second opinion. However, the Defendants acknowledged at the hearing that the rescue has at least \$100,000 in funds which far exceed the cost of Tulip's surgery. As this is a French bulldog rescue, and no one seems to dispute the fact that Tulip will not survive without the surgery, the Court extends the injunctive relief to include the Plaintiff's ability to make all decisions about Tulip's medical care. The preliminary injunction motion is granted for the reasons stated in the May 21, 2026 Order as well as those stated herein.
4. The Defendants are precluded from terminating the Plaintiff from her employment, removing her from her home, and from removing her from her position as director until the legal issues in this case are resolved. The Defendants are to give the Plaintiff full access to all CFBR funds including any funds necessary for Tulip's surgery and shall restore her as a co-signatory on the checking account. The Plaintiff is to provide receipts to the Board for bills or payments she has made with CFBR funds within 30 days of payment. The Plaintiff is to make all medical decisions for the French bulldogs currently in her care.

SO ORDERED.

Judge Eve M. Reilly
JUN 17 2026
Circuit Court-2122

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ORDER

THIS MATTER coming before the Court on presentment of Plaintiff's Motion for Rule to Show Cause Why Defendants Should Not Be Held in Indirect Civil Contempt; the Court being fully advised on the matter. It is hereby ordered:

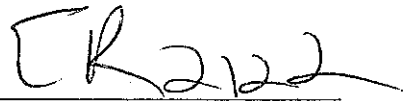
This Court's order of May 21, 2026, granted a temporary restraining order in favor of the Plaintiff. The Court enjoined the Defendants from removing the Plaintiff from her home or her position as director prior to a preliminary injunction hearing and required the Defendants to restore the Plaintiff's access to the rescue's funds so she could adequately care for the animals in her care. The Defendant's provided the Plaintiff with a debit card but did not allow her viewing access to the financial records for the rescue organization or restore her as a co-signatory on the checking account. The May 21, 2026, Order did not require the Defendant's to give her viewing access to any records or require that she be a co-signatory on the checking account. As such, the Petition for Rule to Show Cause is Denied.

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BRIEFING ORDER OF JUNE 16, 2026

This matter coming before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for a Protective Order, all parties present through counsel, and the Court being advised, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Defendant has 14 days, until June 30, 2026, to file a Response. Plaintiff has 14 days, until July 14, 2026, to file a Reply.
2. Clerk's Status in this matter is set for July 27, 2026, at 9:30 am.
3. The presentment date of June 18, 2026 is stricken.

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