

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE
PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO
ANIMALS *et al.*,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**RINGLING BROTHERS AND BARNUM &
BAILEY CIRCUS *et al.*,**

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 03-2006 (EGS/JMF)

ORDER

On December 19, 2007, at the conclusion of the eleven (11) hour deposition of Tom Rider, counsel for defendants contacted chambers to seek a three (3) hour extension of the deposition. All were then told that the deposition of Mr. Rider was not to proceed any longer and that in order for the court to fairly consider defendants' request, it would need to review the transcript from the two (2) day proceeding. Once the court has had an opportunity to do so, it will schedule a brief status hearing to hear from the parties.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 19, 2007

/S/
JOHN M. FACCIOLA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE