

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 17-7414

FREDERICK BANKS, next friend: 300 Dogs including 6-month old Beagle puppies, held in Virginia for research and experiments,

Petitioner - Appellant,

v.

DAVID SHULKIN, VA Secretary; MICHAEL FALLON, VA Chief; VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER; DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS; CINDY BUCKMASTER, Chair American for Medical Progress; COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA; GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA,

Respondents - Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, at Alexandria. T. S. Ellis, III, Senior District Judge. (1:17-cv-01121-TSE-IDD)

Submitted: December 21, 2017

Decided: December 28, 2017

Before WILKINSON and DUNCAN, Circuit Judges, and HAMILTON, Senior Circuit Judge.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Frederick Hamilton Banks, Appellant Pro Se.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Frederick Banks appeals the district court's order dismissing his 28 U.S.C. § 2241 (2012) petition, in which Banks sought to transfer his constitutional rights to 300 dogs that are currently in the custody of the Department of Veterans Affairs. We have reviewed the record and find no reversible error. Accordingly, we affirm for the reasons stated by the district court. *See Banks v. Shulkin*, No. 1:17-cv-01121-TSE-IDD (E.D. Va. filed Oct. 11, 2017 & entered Oct. 12, 2017). We grant Banks' application to proceed in forma pauperis and deny as moot his motion to stay research and experiments pending appeal. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED