



GEORGINA

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA
Appeals Committee (Aggressive/Dangerous Dogs) Agenda**

Monday, April 22, 2024

7:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Town of Georgina recognizes and acknowledges that we are on lands originally used and occupied by the First Peoples of the Williams Treaties First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples, and on behalf of the Mayor and Council, we would like to thank them for sharing this land. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our close neighbour and friend, one with which we strive to build a cooperative and respectful relationship.

We also recognize the unique relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory. They are the water protectors and environmental stewards of these lands and we join them in these responsibilities.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. EXPLANATION OF MEETING PROCEDURE

5. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL OR WITHDRAWAL

8. AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG APPEALS

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8.1 Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Appeal 23-3877

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Owner - Andrew Knight & Irene (Irka) Dorosh, located at 272 Kenwood Avenue, Keswick.

Requesting appeal for Dangerous Dog Order issued for "River".

9. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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Minutes of the meeting held on January 29, 2024.

10. OTHER BUSINESS
11. NEXT MEETING
12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
IN THE
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BY-LAW NUMBER 2008-0138 (REG-1)

BEING A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF
AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOGS IN THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

WHEREAS Clause 6 of Section 11(2) of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended, authorizes a lower tier municipality to pass by-laws respecting the health, safety and well-being of persons;

AND WHEREAS Clause 8 of Section 11(2) of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended, authorizes a lower tier municipality to pass by-laws respecting the protection of persons and property;

AND WHEREAS Clause 9 of Section 11(3) of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended, authorizes a lower tier municipality to pass by-laws respecting animals.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1.0 DEFINITIONS:

In this by-law,

- 1.1 "aggressive dog" means a dog that individually or in the accompaniment of another dog(s) chases or approaches a person or domestic animal in such a manner that the person or domestic animal owner has reasonable grounds to believe that they or their domestic animal is in imminent danger, including but not limited to, hostile behaviour or incident such as growling or snarling at a person or domestic animal.
- 1.2 "Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Declaration" means a signed declaration in the form attached hereto as Schedule "A", attested to and completed in its entirety by a witness who actually saw aggressive or dangerous dog behaviour or incident.
- 1.3 "Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Order" means an order in the form attached hereto as Schedule "B", designating the dog as aggressive or dangerous and requiring the dog to be muzzled and restrained in accordance with this by-law.
- 1.4 "Animal Control Supervisor" means a person appointed as such by the Town or their designate.
- 1.5 "Appeal Committee" means a committee comprised of three (3) persons appointed by Town Council.
- 1.6 "at large" means being found, while not under control by the dog owner, any place other than the premises of the dog owner.
- 1.7 "Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer" means a person appointed as such by the Town or their designate.
- 1.8 "dangerous dog" means a dog that, either individually or in the accompaniment of another dog(s):
 - (a) has, in the absence of any mitigating factor, attacked, bitten, or caused injury to a person; or
 - (b) has, in the absence of any mitigating factor, injured a domestic animal; or

- (c) having previously been designated as an "aggressive dog", is kept or permitted to be kept in violation of the requirements as set in Section 3.1 of this by-law.
- 1.9 "dog owner" means a person who owns, possesses, harbours or has permanent or temporary possession of a dog, and where the owner is a minor, the person responsible for the custody of the minor.
- 1.10 "domestic animal" means a horse, dog or any other animal that is kept under human control or by habit or training lives in association with human beings and in compliance with the by-law regulating and prohibiting the keeping of animals other than dogs.
- 1.11 "microchip implant" means an electronic device implanted under the skin of a dog whereby the animal can be identified by local authorities.
- 1.12 "mitigating factor" means a circumstance that excuses dangerous behaviour of a dog and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may include:
 - (a) aggressive behaviour while acting in defence of an attack by a person or domestic animal; or
 - (b) aggressive behaviour while acting in defence of its young or reacting to a person or domestic animal trespassing on the property of its owner; or
 - (c) aggressive behaviour resulting from being teased, provoked or tormented.
- 1.13 "muzzle" means a humane fastening or covering device of adequate strength and design, suitable to the breed of dog, that fits over the mouth of a dog, that can not be removed by the dog, so as to prevent the dog from biting or attacking a person or domestic animal.
- 1.14 "police work dog" means a dog trained for and actually engaged in law enforcement for the police or other person duly appointed as a peace officer.
- 1.15 "property owner" means the person(s) currently listed as such on the assessment roll of the town.
- 1.16 "Town" means the Corporation of the Town of Georgina.
- 1.17 "Town Clerk" means a person appointed as such or their designate.
- 1.18 "trespassing" means the uninvited, unwelcome or unauthorized entering onto another person's property without permission of the owner or without lawful authority.

2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS:

2.1 Aggressive or Dangerous Dog Designation

- (a) Upon receipt of an Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Declaration, the Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, being satisfied that grounds exist, shall designate the dog in question as an aggressive or dangerous dog.

- (b) If feasible, within 5 days of receipt of the aforementioned declaration, the Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer shall cause personal service and/or the registered mailing of the Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Order to the dog owner. A copy of the Order shall also be forwarded to the property owner, if applicable.
- (c) Where a dog has been designated as aggressive or dangerous the dog owner may request a hearing before the Appeal Committee as required by Section 105 of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended. The hearing request must be in writing and received by the Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer within 30 days of issuance of the Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Order.
- (d) Upon receipt of the appeal request and payment of the required appeal hearing fee, the Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer shall convene a meeting of the Appeal Committee and shall give the dog owner, the property owner, if applicable, and witness(s) to the aggressive or dangerous dog incident 7 days written notice by personal service and/or registered mail of the date, time and location of the appeal.
- (e) Notwithstanding that a dog owner has requested an appeal before the Appeal Committee, Sections 3.1 (a), (b), (c), and (d)(i) of the Aggressive/Dangerous Dog By-law remain in effect until the Appeal Committee has rendered its decision or the expiration of 30 days from the issuance date of the Order.
- (f) The Appeal Committee shall be governed by the Statutory Powers Procedure Act as amended.
- (g) The applicant and any other interested person may appear at the appeal hearing to present evidence relating to the dog in question.
- (h) If the dog owner fails to attend at the proper time and place, the Appeal Committee may proceed with the appeal hearing in his or her absence and the applicant shall not be entitled to any further notice of the proceeding.
- (i) The Appeal Committee shall deliberate the merits of the evidence presented and shall render a decision at the appeal hearing or shall reserve the decision to be presented later, not more than 10 days from the date of the appeal hearing.
- (j) The Appeal Committee may confirm the Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Order or exempt the dog owner from any or all restrictions of the Order.
- (k) The decision of the Appeal Committee is final and binding.

- (l) A written decision of the Appeal Committee shall be prepared as soon as practical following the conclusion of the appeal hearing and a copy shall be sent by regular mail to the dog owner, the property owner, if applicable, and to the Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Declaration witness(s) at their last known address, and also to York Regional Police, York Region Health Services, the Animal Control Supervisor, the Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Town Council members, Appeal Committee members and the Town Clerk.

3.0 GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

3.1 Designated Aggressive Dog Restrictions

Every owner of an aggressive dog shall:

- (a) License the dog annually with the Town in accordance with the by-law providing for the licensing of dogs.
- (b) Not allow the dog to be at large.
- (c) Restrain the dog when off the property as follows:
 - (i) fitted with a muzzle as defined; and
 - (ii) fitted with a leash, not more than 1.83 metres (6') in length, properly secured to a collar or harness, all of which are strong enough to prevent the dog from breaking away, and
 - (iii) controlled by a person not less than 16 years of age.
- (d) Restrain the dog when on the property as follows:
 - (i) inside the dog owner's dwelling; or
 - (ii) within a yard that is entirely enclosed by a fence not less than 1.83 metres (6') high equipped with a lockable self closing, self latching gate that can not be opened from the outside by a child less than 10 years of age and constructed so as to prevent the dog from escaping.
- (e) Infix the dog with a microchip implant.
- (f) Sterilize the dog before the age of 6 months or within 30 days of the dog being designated as aggressive. The dog owner shall provide proof of sterilization immediately upon request of the Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.
- (g) Display "Beware of Dog(s)" warning signs, in a conspicuous place, at all entrances to the property indicating the presence of an aggressive dog.
- (h) Comply with the terms of the Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Order as amended.

3.2 Designated Dangerous Dog Restrictions

Every owner of a dangerous dog shall:

- (a) Comply with all restrictions as noted in Section 3.1 of this by-law.

- (b) In addition to the yard fencing requirements noted in Section 3.1(d)(ii), keep the Dangerous Dog fitted with a muzzle, as defined, at all times when not secured within the dog owner's dwelling.
- (c) Produce proof of liability insurance coverage in the amount of not less than \$25,000, to the Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, for any injuries to a person or domestic animal caused by the Dangerous Dog.
- (d) Surrender the Dangerous Dog to the Town animal shelter for humane euthanasia when the dog owner is unable or unwilling to meet the requirements of this by-law.

4.0 EXEMPTIONS:

- 4.1 This by-law shall not apply to a police work dog.

5.0 ENFORCEMENT:

- 5.1 The provisions of this by-law shall be enforced by a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.
- 5.2 In accordance with Section 436 of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended, a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer may enter property to determine if the terms of this by-law are being met.

6.0 PENALTIES:

- 6.1 Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law, upon conviction, is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine pursuant to the Provincial Offences Act, as amended.

7.0 REPEALS:

- 7.1 By-law 2007-0102 (REG-1) is hereby repealed.

READ a first, second and third time and passed on this 15th day of December, 2008.


Robert Grossi, Mayor


Roland Chenier, Town Clerk

AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG DECLARATION

Address: _____

Name of dog: _____ Dog tag no. _____

Breed of dog: _____

Dog colour/description: _____

Rabies tag no. _____ Microchip implant no. _____

Address: _____

Location on property: _____

Location on street: _____

Details of incident: _____

Date of incident: _____ Time of incident: _____ am / pm

Name of witness: _____ Phone: _____

Address of witness: _____

Signature of Witness

Signature of Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or Designate

AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG ORDER

To:

Address:

Description of dog

Name:

Breed:

Colour/Description:

Dog tag no.

Rabies tag no.

Microchip implant no.

The corporation of the Town of Georgina is in receipt of a Declaration duly executed by the Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer pursuant to Section 2.1 (a) of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1), stating that the dog described above, on the day of , 20 , did

In accordance with Section 2.1 of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1) the dog described above is hereby declared as Aggressive Dangerous

As such, in accordance with Section 3.1 of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1), you are hereby ordered to:

- (a) License the dog annually with the Town in accordance with the by-law providing for the licensing of dogs.
- (b) Not allow the dog to be at large.
- (c) Restrain the dog when off the property as follows:
 - (i) fitted with a muzzle as defined, and
 - (ii) fitted with a leash, not more than 1.83 metres (6') in length, properly secured to a collar or harness, all of which are strong enough to prevent the dog from breaking away, and
 - (iii) controlled by a person not less than 16 years of age.
- (d) Restrain the dog when on the property as follows:
 - (i) inside the dog owner's dwelling; or
 - (ii) within a yard that is entirely enclosed by a fence not less than 1.83 metres (6') high equipped with a lockable self closing, self latching gate that can not be opened from the outside by a child less than 10 years of age and constructed so as to prevent the dog from escaping.
- (e) Infix the dog with a microchip implant.
- (f) Sterilize the dog before the age of 6 months or within 30 days of being designated as aggressive. The dog owner shall provide proof of sterilization immediately upon request of the Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.
- (g) Display "Beware of Dog" warning signs, in a conspicuous place, at all entrances to the property indicating the presence of an aggressive dog.
- (h) Comply with the terms of the Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Order as amended.

Furthermore, if your dog has been declared Dangerous, in accordance with Section 3.2 of By-law 2008-0138 (REG-1), you are also hereby ordered to:

- (a) Comply with all restrictions as noted in Section 3.1 of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1).
- (b) In addition to the yard fencing requirements noted in Section 3.1(d)(ii), keep the Dangerous Dog fitted with a muzzle, as defined, when not secured within the dog owner's dwelling.
- (c) Produce proof of liability insurance in the amount of not less than \$25,000, to the Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, for any injuries to a person or domestic animal caused by the Dangerous Dog.
- (d) Surrender the Dangerous Dog to the Town animal shelter for humane euthanasia when the owner is unable or unwilling to meet the requirements of this by-law.

Request for a hearing before the Appeal Committee

In accordance with Section 2.1(c) of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1), you may request a hearing before the Appeal Committee by submitting a written request, but such request must be received by the Town within 30 days of the date of this order. A cheque or money order in the amount of \$100.00 made payable to the "Town of Georgina" must accompany the appeal request. The appeal request must be addressed to the Town of Georgina, attention to the Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, 26557 Civic Centre Road, Keswick, ON, L4P 3G1.

Take notice that, notwithstanding that a dog owner has requested an appeal before the Appeal Committee, Sections 3.1 (a), (b), (c), and (d)(i) of the Aggressive/Dangerous Dog By-law remain in effect until the Appeal Committee has rendered its decision or the expiration of 30 days from the issuance date of this Order.

This Order is duly served in accordance with Section 2.1(b) of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1) on this day of , 20 .

Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or Designate

Appeal 23-3877

“River”

AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG DECLARATION

<i>Office Use Only</i>	
<u>Dog Owner</u>	
Name: _____	
Address: _____	
<u>Description of Dog</u>	
Name of Dog: _____	Dog Tag no.: _____
Breed of Dog: _____	Microchip no: _____
Rabies Tag no: _____	
Dog Colour/description: _____	

Incident Details

Address: 286 Kenwood Ave. Keswick ON- L4P 2X5

Location on Property **/OR** Location on Street: front porch

Date of Incident: Saturday September 2, 2023

Time of Incident: aprox 11:30pm

Details of Incident:

I was watching TV at home when I heard a ruckus on the front porch. I went to the door, turned on the light, looked out the window and saw a large-breed white dog at the top of the stairs. The dog, known as River, was actively nipping at my cat, Shanti (Shawn-tee). At that moment, Shanti looked to be sitting facing the dog and I could see that her back was wet.

I quickly and repeatedly yelled "Stop!" and "Get!" at the dog and yelled for the owner to, "Get your dog!" I grabbed my corn broom and waved it between the dog and Shanti.

At that time, the dog's owner (who travels in an assisted device; unfortunately, their name is unknown to me) and a companion were at the end of my driveway; however, my car was between us, so I could not clearly see their actions. However, I did hear them calling for the dog.

When called, the dog turned and moved to the interlock area at the base of our porch stairs, only to return to the deck three more times. Overall, the dog failed to listen to the direction of the owner, and the dog was unable to be controlled by command. Only when the person on foot cleared my car and was on the interlock's edge did they get a hold of the dog and put it on a leash.

During this time, my cat had moved to the cat house on the porch. She was moaning. I did not see Shanti clearly, but I could see she was not moving well. I had thought she was about to have a seizure or that her hindquarters were injured.

I shouted out to the owner and companion that this was not the first time their dog had been on my property and chasing my cats - the week before, I retrieved Shanti from my tree after she was chased by this dog - that the dog needs to be on a leash, and in care and control by the owner at all times. I told them I would call animal control if I found the dog on my property again. The owner did not express remorse or concern for Shanti or acknowledge responsibility for their dog's care, control, or temperament. Instead, the owner responded rudely and defensively, told me to read the bylaw and justified their dog's action due to my cat being at large.

For context, Shanti was not a cat that would go off our property. We worked for three years to harness train her. That evening, she may have been at the end of the driveway, interlock, or on the porch, but not off my property. Shanti is known to many neighbours who have dogs and children, and to those who visit my husband and I. She is friendly, sweet and all love, all the time! The meaning of her name is peace, and she embodied that. She is not known to wander on the street or to other properties. Instead, she used the front porch as her home, a safe place.

Unfortunately, what transpired next was a short back-and-forth full of teardowns and mixed profanity. I regret being a part of that dialogue.

The dog owner and companion started to move along. I turned my focus to Shanti. She had begun moving from the shadowed area toward me. It was at that moment that I saw her condition: she was frothing at the mouth, walking with only her front legs, and dragging her hindquarters. Her back end looked like a wet mop being dragged along the floor. I yelled out again to the owner, who would not have been more than one house up, that my cat was paralyzed. They did not respond or return.

Despite the shock, I got my phone from inside and returned to care for Shanti. She was trying to move and struggling, seemingly tired, I called the emergency animal hospital about my cat's situation and told them that we were on the way. Shanti was laboured in her breathing, foaming at the mouth and had laid down on her side. I got her into the pet carrier and transported her into the car.

While driving, I called my husband on the hands-free system and updated him on the situation. I told him to prepare himself that she may not make it to the vet's due to the severity of her injuries. He said that he would meet me there and left where he was immediately.

I arrived at the wrong vet hospital, however, they took Shanti in and started care immediately. The file from the veterinarian is a part of this report package. The report speaks to the care provided and her condition. In short, Shanti required pain medication and a catheter, was deemed to have sustained injuries that ruptured the core of her spinal cord. Shanti was euthanized on September 3rd at approximately 2:00 am.

This situation has been a trauma that has profoundly affected my husband and me. Our other cat is showing signs of stress and is behaving in an uncharacteristic manner. This dog's owners have repeatedly lost care and control of their dog in our neighbourhood. As I noted, I witnessed the dog on my property chasing my cats only two weeks ago. In the past, River's owners owned another ill-mannered dog that required muzzling.

We are heartbroken at the loss of our beautiful, Shanti. She was a sweet, loving girl who brought joy into our lives. The fact she was killed at her own home and that she suffered pain and terror is devastating to us. Her death was preventable and senseless. We hope no one else ever has to witness and go through this again.

Name of Witness: Charlene Biggerstaff

Phone no: [REDACTED]

Address of Witness: 286 Kenwood Ave., Keswick ON L4P 2X5



Signature of witness

Commissioner for Taking Affidavits

Re: Witness Statements

Coleman, Bethany <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2023-09-11 8:52 AM

To: Andrew Knight <[REDACTED]>

Hi Andrew,

Thank you. I will be putting the evidence file together today and submitting to The Town of Georgina for review/decision. Once a decision has been made I will provide you with an update.

Sincerely,

Bethany Coleman,

Badge #2003

Municipal Law Enforcement

Animal Services Officer

Town of Aurora & Georgina

100 John West Way, Box 1000 Aurora, Ontario L4G 6J1

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From: Andrew Knight <[REDACTED]>

Sent: September 10, 2023 6:42 PM

To: Coleman, Bethany <[REDACTED]>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Fw: Witness Statements

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi,

I am trying to fill in this form, it will not allow me to do so, and I/We don't have a printer or scanner. So don't know what to do.

Here is my Statement,

This all happened in a matter of 3-4 mins, around 10:00- 10:30 pm " I don't were a watch", I put River in the Motor Home, Grant and I were playing backgammon, River was in the back of the camper on the bed lying down. I had put a pizza in the oven around 9:30 pm or so, as we played a few rolls of dice, told Grant have to go check the pizza, got up, river didn't move, I closed the screen door, went up my ramp "front door of the house was open, I walked in the house, took 4-6 steps and I hear Grant call River, I turned around ran outside and see River going down the street, not fast , I saw a dark image cross the middle of the road and River veer off to the side of the road, I started to yell for him, was right on his ass, next thing I know someone was swinging a broom at the dog and I grabbed him, we all were yelling, I could not see well it was dark off the street " other then the street lights, keeping the street bright enough that I saw a dark animal on the road" brought River home. put him in the house, gave him shit for taking off. Not sure how he got out of the motor home as he was in the back and Grant was in the center of the truck, he would of had to pass Grant to get to the door " and it is very narrow, not saying it was Grants fault River got passed him and though the door, He never runs pass the door, I have him sit first then he is hooked up before being allowed out any door.

No one came here to tell me that a cat was injured, I didn't hear about this until the following day around 12:30 pm, from a friend Jody that know the cats owner, and was told they took the cat to a vet sometime early morning " I think was told 2:00 am or something.

I walk River on my wheel chair everyday and night we pass cats on and off the road, never pulls or barks, doesn't even take notice of them. River also goes to the dog park and has many friends there, never have had an issue, he plays with every one, to include little children and baby's, he gives kisses to all, We stop and say high to 99% of the dogs that are out for walks, when River and I are out front of our house dogs pass the driveway 99.9% of the time just looks, never barks, even the stray cats that roam the street each day, doesn't get up.

River has dog friends that stop and say hello and share a drink of water and a treat and the other dog owners and I will chat for a few mins and everyone goes on there way. Have made a few friends, going as far to ask for help taking him for a bath, as I can't hold him in the water and bath at the same time. Also I use him to help me swim, my scoliosis need movement and this helps

River goes everywhere with me, Doctors, food shopping, parks, restaurants,. When I fall down he will come to my side and bark to let me know so I am able to use his back to stand or get back in my wheel chair.

There is no blame here on River, it is a horrible combination of factors that has resulted in a terrible lose of a family member. If you want to punish anyone punish me, muzzle me,

cage me, as I am the potty mouth, everyone loves River, me on the other hand. River is kind and gentle dog that was saved from 2 hours north of Thunder Bay, he was on his last week before being put down, River is just over 2 years old, Please don't trap him for the next years in a cages and mouth traps, I take full responsibility.

We don't go down the street any longer will never pass by the house, will pay any cost that has come with this accident. Money can't fix what has happened, nor will trapping River, hurting me might ease the pain but this will never be forgotten, and if River is trapped that will be the injustice.

I will forward the bylaw about cats being off lease, it was passed 2022.

at any time around that home you can see many cats running around, I also have a time stamped pic of a tabby cat on my driveway just sitting there on Saturday morning.

From: Coleman, Bethany <[REDACTED]>

Sent: September 5, 2023 8:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Witness Statements

Good Evening,

Thank you both for taking the time to meet with me and discuss the events that took place. I have attached a copy of the witness statement for each of you to fill out with as much detail as possible. If there are any issues with the digital copy please let me know and I'd be happy to drop off a paper copy. Please have back to me no later than Monday at 8 AM. If you could also send me the OSPCA documents for Neuter / Microchip along with the doctors note stating River is an emotional support dog.

Sincerely,

Bethany Coleman,

Badge #2003

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Witness Statement

Witness			
Last name Dorosh		First Name Irene (Irka)	
Street address 272 Kenwood Ave.			Unit number
City/Town Keswick	Postal code L4P2X5	Province ON	E-mail [REDACTED]
Telephone number [REDACTED]		Cell number [REDACTED]	
Driver Identification Number [REDACTED]		Signature 	
Incident details			
Location on Kenwood Ave.			
Date of incident September 2nd 2023		Time of incident approximately at 10:45 pm	

I, Irene Dorosh, submit the following statement as a true and accurate account of what I personally witnessed regarding the incident.

Statement
Just before 10 pm I returned home from walking River and hooked River to his outside tether. Andrew and our friend Grant were playing backgammon in the motorhome, and I said good night and retired for the night and was asleep when the incident happened.
The next day, Sunday at 1 pm we were informed by a mutual friend Jody, that River killed his friend's cat. I was mortified and wanted to know how it happened and to make amends to the cat owners.
Jody told us to wait a bit and let the owners Charlene and Dave grieve.. I am terribly upset that River could cause such a tragedy. I am also submitting a letter signed by many dog owners who can testify to River's good and friendly conduct at the dog park, he is usually the peace-keeper amongst the dogs. Many people can attest to River's friendly character and good behaviour.
We have worked/trained River and have provided a safe and caring home for him. Please note when I usually walk down the street there are many free-running cats at any given time and I'm not aware of where these cats live and they usually don't have tags or collars.. When I walk River he looks at the cats, but doesn't pull or lunge at them, he behaves and heels properly during our walks.
I truly hope that River is not punished by being deemed a dangerous dog for this one and never to be repeated accident. I walk River twice a day, everyday and we have never had any issues during our walks or visits to the local dog park.

Signature:  Date: _____

September 09, 2023

AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG DECLARATION

Office Use Only

Dog Owner

Name: _____

Address: _____

Description of Dog

Name of Dog: _____

Dog Tag no.: _____

Breed of Dog: _____

Microchip no: _____

Dog Colour/description: _____

Rabies Tag no: _____

Incident Details

Address: 272 Kenwood Avenue, Keswick, Ontario

Location on Property **/OR** Location on Street: Opposite side of 272 Kenwood driveway

Date of Incident: August 31, 2023

Time of Incident: 9:20 pm

Details of Incident:

- On Thursday night of Aug 31, 2023, I took my friend's black lab, Nala, whom I was dog sitting, out for a walk.
- We were heading home about 9:20pm, when we passed the driveway of 272 Kenwood on the opposite side of the street. The house owner Irene was at the front yard of 272 Kenwood.
- I heard growling and a split second later, a big white dog (River) ran out from 272 Kenwood and charged at Nala.
- Nala ran, I almost fell down before dropping the leash. Nala ran toward my home.
- Irene showed me the broken rope that River had just broke to escape and then went chasing after River. River did not response to Irene's commands.
- River chased after Nala all the way to my house before stopping because Nala hide under my car.
- I took Nala out from under my car and put her inside my house.
- I took a flash light and came out again, trying to help Irene to find River in the dark.
- River ran to Charlene's property at 286 Kenwood. River ran into the backyard and chased Charlene's black cat Shanti. River saw Charlene's senior cat, Floyd, switched directions and began chasing Floyd around the tree in the front yard.
- After about two rounds of chasing Floyd around the tree, River ran up Charlene's front porch. Irene cornered River, put a leash on him and took the dog away. It was about 9:45pm.

Name of Witness: Michele Chau

Phone no:

Address of Witness: , Keswick, Ontario

Michele Chau

Signature of witness

Commissioner for Taking Affidavits



AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG ORDER

To: Andrew Knight & Irene (Irka) Dorosh

Address: 272 Kenwood Avenue, Keswick

Description of dog

Name: River

Breed: Malamute

Colour/Description: White, Sterilized, Male

Dog tag no. N/A **Rabies tag:** N/A **Microchip implant:** # 982091066214141

The Corporation of the Town of Georgina is in receipt of a Declaration duly executed by the Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement/C.M.L.E.O. pursuant to Section 2.1 (a) of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1), stating that the dog described above, on the 2nd day of September, 2023, did demonstrate dangerous behavior. Namely, while running at large, did bite a cat in the hind end, which resulted in the cat being humanely euthanized.

In accordance with Section 2.1 of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1) the dog described above is hereby declared as **Dangerous**.

As such, in accordance with Section 3.1 of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1), you are hereby ordered to:

- (a) License the dog annually with the Town in accordance with the by-law providing for the licensing of dogs.
- (b) Not allow the dog to be at large.
- (c) Restrain the dog when off the property as follows:
 - (i) fitted with a muzzle as defined, and
 - (ii) fitted with a leash, not more than 1.83 metres (6') in length, properly secured to a collar or harness, all of which are strong enough to prevent the dog from breaking away, and
 - (iii) controlled by a person not less than 16 years of age.
- (d) Restrain the dog when on the property as follows:
 - (i) inside the dog owner's dwelling; or
 - (ii) within a yard that is entirely enclosed by a fence not less than 1.83 metres (6') high equipped with a lockable self closing, self latching gate that can not be opened from the outside by a child less than 10 years of age and constructed so as to prevent the dog from escaping.
- (e) Infix the dog with a microchip implant.
- (f) Sterilize the dog before the age of 6 months or within 30 days of being designated as aggressive. The dog owner shall provide proof of sterilization immediately upon request of the Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement/C.M.L.E.,O.
- (g) Display "Beware of Dog" warning signs, in a conspicuous place, at all entrances to the property indicating the presence of an aggressive dog.
- (h) Comply with the terms of the Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Order as amended.

Furthermore, if your dog has been declared Dangerous, in accordance with Section 3.2 of By-law 2008-0138 (REG-1), you are also hereby ordered to:

- (a) Comply with all restrictions as noted in Section 3.1 of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1).
- (b) In addition to the yard fencing requirements noted in Section 3.1(d)(ii), keep the Dangerous Dog fitted with a muzzle, as defined, when not secured within the dog owner's dwelling.
- (c) Produce proof of liability insurance in the amount of not less than \$25,000, to the Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement/C.M.L.E.O., for any injuries to a person or domestic animal caused by the Dangerous Dog.
- (d) Surrender the Dangerous Dog to the Town animal shelter for humane euthanasia when the dog owner is unable or unwilling to meet the requirements of this by-law.

Request for a hearing before the Appeal Committee

In accordance with Section 2.1(c) of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1), you may request a hearing before the Appeal Committee by submitting a written request, but such request must be received by the Town within 30 days of the date of this order. A cheque or money order in the amount of \$100.00 made payable to the "Town of Georgina" must accompany the appeal request. The appeal request must be addressed to the Town of Georgina, attention to the Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement/C.M.L.E.O., 26557 Civic Centre Road, Keswick, ON, L4P 3G1.

Take notice that, notwithstanding that a dog owner has requested a hearing before the Appeal Committee, Sections 3.1 (a), (b), (c), and (d)(i) of the Aggressive/Dangerous Dog By-law remain in effect until the Appeal Committee has rendered its decision or the expiration of 30 days from the issuance date of this Order.

Take further notice that, the Manager Municipal Law Enforcement/C.M.L.E.O. must be notified within forty-eight (48) hours of any change to the residency of the aggressive/dangerous dog.

This Order is duly served in accordance with Section 2.1(b) of By-law No. 2008-0138 (REG-1) on this 14th day of September, 2023.



Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement/C.M.L.E.O.

Appeal for Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Order Town of Georgina By-law number 2008-0138 Reg -1

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today with the purpose of appealing a Dangerous/Aggressive dog order that was given to my dog River issued September 14th 2023. I am looking to appeal the decision and have the order rescinded. Also, to present a resolution that is mutually beneficial for both parties.

Animal control's reason for the order:

On the night of the incident, River was in the motorhome with Andrew and Grant (a friend), Andrew believed he fully closed and latched the camper door when he went into the house, River by-passed Grant and was able to push the door open and got out of the motorhome. River saw a cat on the side of the road down the street and chased it to its front porch. Andrew has scoliosis but ran after the dog (by doing so has worsened his condition), Andrew wasn't made aware of the attack only the chase. We both were informed that their cat was euthanized after River's attack by a mutual friend the next afternoon. I was mortified and immediately wanted to reach out and help the cat owners, I was asleep at the time of the incident and wasn't aware of what had happened until the next day.

Reason for appeal:

First and foremost, River has never had any issues with other animals. For the past 2 years he has been going to off-leash parks regularly with no issues at all, so I find the ban from the parks unnecessary. I have and can provide character references on both his personality and his interactions with other dogs.

Of course, as an animal lover, it is tragic that the cat was euthanized and I understand the magnitude of this loss for the owners. My thoughts are absolutely with them, and I am deeply apologetic for how this transpired. I had sent them a card of apology and offered to make amends.

We have followed all the orders to date and I have already started shock-collar training with River to ensure that he would never run at large again. To deem River dangerous and aggressive is terminating River's service to Andrew as a companion/service dog, which also terminates Andrew's quality of life. Until this one incident, River has always been a friendly, loving and gentle family pet, great with babies and small children, a neighbourhood favourite to pet for many children. I would never have exposed River to children if I believed that he could be a threat of any kind, he has always presented himself as a loving gentle dog.



Irene Dorosh



272 Kenwood Ave. Keswick ON L4P 2X5



MEDICAL HISTORY

03-Sep-2023 to 03-Sep-2023

Client	Patient
Charlene Biggerstaff	Shanti (89406)
Home: ()	7y (03-Sep-2016)
	Feline
	Burmese
	Black
	Female / Spayed
	5.1 kg (03-Sep-2023)
Most recent visit date: 03-Sep-2023	Patient Alerts: Body on HOLD at Gateway - Bit a staff member -
Microchip No.: n/a	Public Health needs to be contacted - 05-Sep-2023
Rabies tag ID / date : n/a	7:53 PM (Erin Aitken, RVT) contacted

Current medical overview: as of 11-Sep-2023

Weight by Age	Wt.	Record date
n/a		
Active Concerns	Established	
n/a		
Inactive Concerns	Established	
n/a		
Resolved Concerns (since 03-Sep-2023)	Established	Resolved
n/a		
Medications (since 03-Sep-2022)	Amount	Disp. Date
n/a		



Outpatient visit (03-Sep-2023 to 03-Sep-2023)

Appointment Type: **Walk In Emerg** Provider: **Dr. Kim Viljoen** Sex / age / weight: **Female - Spayed / 7y / 5.1 kg** (03-Sep-2023)

03-Sep-2023 Order items

- Euthanasia w/ Consult [36.175]: 1.00 each
 - Euthanasia Drug (Pick List) LINK [36.800]: 1.00 proc
 - Alfaxan (Alfaxalone) 10mg/mL/mL [53.9090] - Dose: 20 mg (Amt: 2 mL)
 - Dexmedetomidine (Dexdomitor) 0.5mg/mL/mL [53.9052] - Dose: 0.08 mg (Amt: 0.16 mL)
 - Euthanasia Sol/mL [53.9073]: 2.00 mL
 - HYDROmorphone (gen) 10mg/mL/mL [53.9041] - Dose: 5 mg (Amt: 0.5 mL)
 - Remains Packaging (Pick List) [599.1409]: 1.00 each
- Group Cremation [35.2025]
 - Group Cremation [35.25]: 1.00 each
 - Admin Fee Group Cremation [35.501]: 1.00 each



MEDICAL HISTORY

18-Sep-2023 to 18-Sep-2023

Client	Patient
Charlene Biggerstaff () Home: ()	Shanti () Feline Burmese 7y (03-Sep-2016) Black Female / Spayed 5.1 kg (03-Sep-2023)
Most recent visit date: 03-Sep-2023 Microchip No.: n/a Rabies tag ID / date : n/a	Patient Alerts: Body on HOLD at Gateway - Bit a staff member - Public Health needs to be contacted - 05-Sep-2023 7:53 PM (Erin Aitken, RVT) contacted

Current medical overview: as of 22-Jan-2024

Weight by Age	Wt.	Record date
n/a		
Active Concerns	Established	
Dog bite - wound		18-Sep-2023
Inactive Concerns	Established	
n/a		
Resolved Concerns (since 18-Sep-2023)	Established	Resolved
n/a		
Medications (since 18-Sep-2022)	Amount	Disp. Date
n/a		

Non-visit noteProvider: **Dr. Kim Viljoen** Sex / age / weight: **Female - Spayed / 7y / n/a****Concerns** (Problem List)

Active

- **Dog bite - wound** (18-Sep-2023)

18-Sep-2023 Progress note**Dr. Kim Viljoen**

12:26

PATIENT HISTORY

General findings

History - Late entry. Presented STAT for having been bitten by a dog. O states she was on the porch where she normally spends time, and a neighbourhood dog came onto the porch and attacked her unprovoked. O states this is not the first time the dog has attacked her, but last time she was able to run up a tree to get away. O states there have previously been issues with this dog and neighbour, lunging and acting aggressive towards other people and pets in the neighbourhood.

EXAM FINDINGS

Whole body

General findings

Quiet - Very painful, vocalising. MM pink and tacky, CRT <2 secs.
Ears: clean and clear of debris.
Eyes: clear. No obvious injuries to cornea, no discharge present. Pupil size appropriate for lighting situation, and equally sized.
Oral: normal occlusion, no dental disease present. No visible foreign bodies, no masses or blood present. No lingual foreign body.
Nasal: no discharge present. No auditory respiratory sounds
Lymph nodes: no peripheral lymphadenopathy
Integument: hemorrhage present in fur over lumbar spine, but unable to find any specific puncture wounds
Musculoskeletal: patient is non-ambulatory in hindlimbs. Extremely painful around spinal palpation in thoracic to lumbar region.
Lungs: vocalising
Cardiac: strong. No murmurs or arrhythmias noted on auscultation
Neurological: patient is very painful. No withdrawal present in hindlimbs and deep pain not present bilaterally.
Other: no abnormal findings.

ASSESSMENTS**Dog bite - wound**

CVS - critical

Concern for internal injuries. Given degree of neurological changes in hindlimbs, concern for spinal fracture vs trauma

Prognosis - grave

PLANS**Dog bite - wound**

Hydromorphone 0.1mg/kg IM.

SWO and relayed PE findings. Given absence of deep pain in hindlimbs, prognosis is grave. Explained that spinal cord has four layers and deep pain is linked to the innermost one, and when that is absent it is a very poor prognostic indicator and is often irreversible. O asked if the spine is fractured - unable to say without rads, but suspect either fracture or severe trauma from dog bite. Explained dogs will often "shake" their prey and this can cause more severe injuries than just the initial puncture wounds. We can attempt transfer to a neurologist if O would like, but O must be aware that this likely something that cannot be repaired. O declined transfer, would like euthanasia.

While attempting to place IV catheter, a staff member was bitten. Informed O of this - because Shanti is not up to date on her rabies vaccines, Public Health will likely hold her body and may proceed with rabies testing. After this they can either cremate or send the body back to O for home burial. O thankful for this information, feels very upset that someone was bitten by this whole situation and expressed her apologies.

Considering accumulated data and discussion of the differential diagnoses as well as prognosis for the patient, owner elected to perform humane euthanasia without further treatment or diagnostic procedures. Autopsy was not requested at the time of the euthanasia. Explained potential side effects to owner (agonal breathing, eyes remaining open, muscle tremors and loss of control of bowels) - owner understands and is aware and prepared.



18-Sep-2023 Progress note

Dr. Kim Viljoen

12:26 Humane euthanasia performed by administering intravenous injection of Pentobarbital.
Death confirmed by absence of heart sounds on thoracic auscultation, and absence of corneal reflex.







Vaccination Certificate -

Tel: [REDACTED]



Animal Centre
549 Tenth Line
Collingwood Ontario L9Y 0W1 CA
info@gths.ca
www.gths.ca

Irene Dorosh
272 Kenwood Ave
Keswick, Ontario, L4P 2X5 CA

Tel: [REDACTED]

Animal Information

Animal ID:	A0049150979	Name:	Caesar	Types:	Dog	Gender:	Male
ARN:		DOB:	6/3/2020	Breeds:	Mixed Breed, Large (over 44 lbs fully grown), Mix	Altered:	Yes
Chip #:	982091066214141	Current Age:	3 y 3 m 6 d	Colors:	Cream/	Size:	Extra Large
Type:	24PetWatch	Age Group:	Adult	Pattern:		Weight:	38.50 kilogram

Vaccination Certificate

Vaccine:	Rabies 3 Year	Status:	Completed	Status Date:	12/02/2021	Dose:	1.00 vial
Length:	1 years	Re-Vac Date:	12/2/2022 1:47:00 PM	Body Part:		Route:	Subcutaneous
Product:	Imrab 3	Provider:	Anick Amaro	Assistant:		Type:	
Mfg:	Merial	Serial / Lot #:	18511	Expiry Date:	02/10/2023	Container #:	

Veterinarian: Dr. Stephanie Dam, DVM

DVM License #:61091

Please provide your veterinarian with a copy of this record.

Animal View Report

Animal

Animal: A0049150979



Printed:09/09/2023 10:52AM

Animal Details

A0049150979	Caesar	Mixed Breed, Large (over 44 lbs fully grown)/Mix, Cream, Extra Large, 38.50 kilogram
	Dog	3 y 3 m 6 d , DOB: 6/3/2020, Spayed/Neutered: Yes
	Male	Declawed: None
	Adult	Bitten: No Bite History

Group Membership

Animal Point In Time

Intake

Outcome

Ownership / Guardianship

<u>PersonID</u>	<u>Date From</u>	<u>Person Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Completed By</u>
P0039861900	12/21/2021	Irene Dorosh	██████████	272 Kenwood Ave	Keswick, Out of Area ON L4P 2X5	Ayrlea Manchester

Stage

Location

Microchip

<u>Microchip Number</u>	<u>Microchip Provider</u>	<u>Microchip Issue Date</u>
982091066214141	24PetWatch	12/2/2021

Medical Summary

<u>Medical Record #</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Subtype</u>	Medical Status	Temperament Status	<u>Exam/ Surgery Date</u>	Review Date
M0064904889	Exam	Technician Exam			12/10/2021 11:56 AM	
Notes: Diarrhea noted. Tested for Parvo, Giardia and O&P. All were negative.						

M0064805102	Surgery	Canine Neuter		12/02/2021 08:27 PM
Notes: Canine prescrotal neuter as per Dr. Amaro's protocol.				
M0064796131	Exam	Pre Surgical Exam		12/02/2021 01:47 PM
Vitals:	38.50 kilogram			
Notes:	BCS: 5/9 Ears: normal, no discharge, no erythema, no swelling. Eyes: normal, no discharge, no erythema. Nose: normal, no discharge. Teeth: M1 tartar, M0 gingivitis. CRT: less than 2 seconds. MM: pink, moist Lymph nodes: WNL. Heart: normal, no arrhythmias, no murmur. Lungs: normal, no wheezes or crackles, normal respiratory effort. Integument: normal, good coat quality, no lumps noted Genitalia: normal Other findings: none Acceptable to proceed with surgery.			
M0064786015	Exam	Intake Exam		12/01/2021 11:00 AM 01/01/2022 11:00AM
Vitals:	38.50 kilogram			
Notes:	BCS: 5/9 Overall appearance: BAR Initial behaviour: Friendly Hydration: skin tent normal Musculoskeletal: normal Skin/coat: normal Heart & lungs: not examined Ears: Eyes: clean & clear Nose: Mouth: mild tartar Gums/tongue: Abdomen: Urogenital: 2 testicles Notes: unable to look in ears - vocal, barking, seemed uncomfortable Unable to look in mouth very well as was vocal NRRN advised soft lump 2" in diameter on right rib cage. Could not feel during intake Dropped Nexguard on floor, warning bark towards Josh			

Conditions	Type	Noted Date	Body Part	Resolution Date	Review Date	Record #
Gastrointestinal - Diarrhea, Acute	Symptom	12/10/2021 11:56AM				M0064904889

Tests	Test For Condition	Result	Test Date	Result Date	Re-Test Date	Record #
Fecal Float	Gastrointestinal - Diarrhea, Acute	Negative	12/10/2021 11:56AM	12/10/2021 11:56AM		M0064904889
Giardia Test	Gastrointestinal - Giardia	Negative	12/10/2021 11:56AM	12/10/2021 11:56AM		M0064904889
Parvo (ELISA)	Gastrointestinal - Parvovirus	Negative	12/10/2021 11:56AM	12/10/2021 11:56AM		M0064904889
4DX Snap Test	Musculoskeletal - Borrelia burgdorferi (Lyme)	Positive	12/02/2021 01:47PM	12/02/2021 01:47PM	12/02/2022 01:47PM	M0064796131
Woods Lamp Test	Integument - Ringworm	Negative	12/01/2021 11:00AM	12/01/2021 11:00AM		M0064786015

Vaccinations	Type	Vaccination Date	Re-Vacc Date	Pet ID	Pet ID Type	Record #
Rabies 3 Year	Not Set up	12/02/2021 01:47PM	12/02/2022 01:47PM			M0064796131
Bronchi-Shield III	Not Set up	12/02/2021 01:47PM	12/02/2022 01:47PM			M0064796131
Recombitek C4 - DAPP	Not Set up	11/28/2021 11:00AM	12/26/2021 06:06PM			M0064786015

Medical Care	Type	Dose/Recurrence	For	Medical Care Date	Review Date	Record #
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Metronidazole 250 mg Tablet	Medication	2.50 tablet / 2 x's every 1 day(s) for 7 Days (1 of 1)	12/10/2021 11:56AM		M0064904889
Drontal Plus 68mg	Medication	3 tablet	12/09/2021 08:00AM		M0064904889
Drontal Plus 68mg	Medication	3 tablet	12/01/2021 11:00AM	12/15/2021 06:07PM	M0064786015
Nexgard Spectra XL	Medication	1 tablet	12/01/2021 11:00AM	01/01/2022 11:00AM	M0064786015

Behavior – Completed & History Tests

Memo

<u>Type</u>	<u>SubType</u>	<u>Data Time</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>By</u>	<u>Review Date</u>
Behaviour		12/20/2021 5:52:51 PM	<p>**STAFF ASSIST M&G**</p> <p>Behavior Concerns D: Resource Guarding Resource Guarding (shown towards male DCC during intake exam). Food was dropped that Cesar was not interested in. When DCC gathered food from floor he growled and barked towards DCC. Was a warning bark and mild lunge.</p> <p>Dec 20th Attempted to give Caesar a bath and did not like it at all. He was very stressed and had to end it due to his behaviours. Owners should understand to go slow with him if he needs to be washed. This is something that should be discussed with a groomer if owner is going to take him to one.</p> <p>Dec 4th Volunteer returned Caesar to his kennel and there was food left on the ground inside kennel. Volunteer did not notice this and when Volunteer was unclipping harness he growled and snapped. He now has to be leashed/unleashed up by staff.</p> <p>Caesar is a Northern Transfer, and we are not sure what type of training/socialization he has had as a puppy. When in foster up North they mentioned he must be watched closely around children and other pets as he has food and toy aggression.</p> <p>Behaviours Noted in Shelter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Guarding please see above • Friendly inside his kennel and when outside • Vocal during in take exam when being handled. <p>Was sensitive around ear area and was more, which resulted in us not being able to look in his ear.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocal at times * Has been picky with his food and will throw it around his kennel. * Shredding a blanket, so should not be left unattended with blankets or items that are easily shredded • Not sure if crate trained • Knows sit • Does well on leash, but if he feels pressure, he will become vocal and bite at leash. Towards the end of the walk, he was used to feeling some pressure here and there and relaxed. • No problem passing stimuli (people and vehicles). <p>Kids: Due to his resource guarding teenagers please 14+ okay if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calm and considerate • Able to take part in training and enrichment 	ErikaEhrenreich	

- Adults able to supervise
- Understanding and willing to learn about RG

Dogs:

Caesar had a side-by-side walk with a large medium male dog named Dash. Caesar minded his own business and only went in for a few sniffs.

Caesar also got to play off-leash with Dash after his walk and Caesar was indifferent and was more interested in playing. Dash tried to get Caesar to engage in play by bouncing around and doing some play bows. Caesar did show some interest but got a bit vocal and irritated when Dash was putting his paws on him.

Caesar will require slow introductions on-leash when meeting new dogs to set him up for success.

Cats: Unknown

Other dogs okay if:

- Meet and greet done in shelter
- Experience with multiple dog ownership
- Able to commit to both dogs needs
- Able to keep separate
- Adopters should understand he has shown resource guarding towards other dogs in home. Caesar will need to be separate during feeding time and supervised around toys.

Resources:

- Adopting a Rescue Dog
- Resource Guarding
- Canine Body Language Cartoon
- Enrichment Brain Games

Recommendations:

- Realistic expectations
- Calm and considerate
- Understanding of canine body language
- Knowledge and understanding of resource guarding
- Willing to train using positive reinforcement techniques
- House with a fenced in yard is preferred

Petango/Adoption
Description

12/6/2021
11:47:46 AM

Hey everyone!

My name is Caesar and I sure am ready to find myself a fun family!

I'm a very friendly and loving guy here at GTHS and have been having so much fun getting to know everyone! At about 1.5 years old and 85 lbs, I'm a pretty good sized boy already and just can't wait to start this exciting new chapter with my special someone! Yes, I am looking for a bit of a special home and human! But I'll tell you more about that in a minute.

You probably guessed it but yes, just like so many others around here, I'm a Northern boy too! A whole bunch of other doggies and puppies and I recently made the very long trip to GTHS from way the heck up on Northern Ontario. It was such a long journey but I'm so happy to have arrived and am enjoying settling in to my new Southern life!

Since my time here at GTHS, I've been working hard with the GTHS humans to improve some of my doggy manners (but if I'm being honest, I have lots to learn!) But, guess what I know SIT !! Yea for me!! The humans here say I can be a bit of a Chatty Cathy sometimes (though I can't say I know exactly what that means) but I do tend to get a little vocal if I'm unsure or nervous about some things...or you know, just protesting

or feeling talkative....I am a husky mix, after all! Based on my talks, maybe no condos or apartments for this guy. We don't want any upset neighbours!

I LOVE being outside and sure do love walk time but could use a little work on my leash skills too. Oh, here's another example of my chattiness. Sometimes I'm so excited to get going places that when I feel like leash pressure, I'll start talking to you, letting you know I'd like to move a bit quicker, please! (I know...maybe that's a bit rude haha but I'm working on my manners, remember!) I just need a patient and experienced human to continue working with me on all this stuff so that I can be the best Caesar I can be for you!

I do need to let you know though that I'm a bit... 'protective'... of my 'things' (like toys or food in particular. I'm sorry, it's just so yummy, I can't help it!). It will be important for my new family to understand this behaviour the humans call "Resource Guarding" and help me work through it and manage it properly. Don't worry though, there's lots of great information that the GTHS humans will share with my new family to help set me up for success in my new home. Due to this, I would ask to please find a home with no young children (14+). Keeping this in mind, I could likely do just fine in a home with another dog if we have an experienced human who can manage this behaviour, feed us separately, watch shared toys and ensure we're both set up for success! Or! I'm more than happy to be your one and only!!

Also, as a Northern boy, my owners need to have realistic expectations in that I may display some puppy like behaviours such as vocalizing, house soiling and destructiveness when not supervised in the home. Overall, I'm just a very chill young boy looking for my perfect person!

Oh and I guess you're wondering about this "Special Paws" thing...

Well, after my visit with the doggie doctor, I had some tests done and the humans found out that I have something called Lyme disease.

I know, I know, it sounds scary but really it's not! Even though I have it, I am showing no signs of it right now and in a lot of cases, doggies like me will never show any signs, so often times people don't even know we have it!

Anyways, don't worry, if you think I sound like a great fit for you and your lifestyle, the GTHS Adoption Team will be happy to give you lots more information about Lyme and what that means!

And as part of the Special Paws Program, the GTHS humans have also lowered my Adoption fee to \$100 to ensure I find my perfect home who will always make sure I'm in tiptop shape!

My Special Paws adoption fee is \$100 and includes my neuter, up to date vaccinations, dewormer and a microchip.

So, come on! Hurry up and find me so we can start our fun new life together!

Cool guy
xoxo Caesar

*If you are interested in adopting me, please visit our main adoptions page (<https://www.gths.ca/animals-for->

Medical	12/6/2021 9:33:01 AM	<p>adoption/) for instructions on our modified covid adoption process*</p> <p>Health status D - tested positive for Lyme Disease (see disclosure). Currently not showing active signs of Lyme disease - limping, joint swelling/heat - therefore treatment is not required at this time. Should symptoms present in the future, adopters should work with their regular veterinarian for a treatment plan. Otherwise no health issues while in our care.</p> <p>Collar Size: X-Large</p> <p>Walking Tool: EZW M/L</p> <p>Feeding Schedule: 2x per day - 3 cups of Med Adult RC kibble at each feeding. This may need to be modified depending on activity level and age. Please read the bag of food for recommendations, and if you still have questions, please talk to your regular veterinarian.</p> <p>Kennel Cleanliness: Clean. Note: The dogs in our care may or may not be housebroken. The cleanliness of their kennels does not indicate how they will behave in a home.</p> <p>Transfer in from Northern Reach Rescue Network From Wabequie</p>	Ayrlea Manchester
General Animal Note	12/2/2021 1:09:58 PM	<p>Transfer Notes:</p> <p>DAPP Administered: Nov 28/21</p> <p>Very big boy A couple of things about Cesar. 1. He has a soft lump maybe an inch in diameter on his right rib cage. 2. He needs to be watched closely around children and other pets as he has some food and toy aggression.</p>	Joshua Heggenstaller
Intake	12/2/2021 1:06:01 PM		Pam Odam

Animal Profile

Schedule

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a character witness for River (Irka's dog) that I've known for over a year. River has always been friendly and behaved around my dog Xena and the neighbour's dog Onyx, even when our dogs are territorial around River. River is very friendly with our little street Hillside Ave. many of the neighbours are friendly with and pet River, he has never shown any aggression.

I understand that River accidentally got out of the RV and chased a cat, cornered it and bit it, dogs chase cats, if the cat is off its property it's a risk. As Dr Jeff Rocky Mountain Vet opined, it is dangerous for cats to be outside. They live longer and safer when they are kept inside or walked on a leash. It would be a shame to punish River for being a dog.

Alec Newman

To Whom it May Concern

I am at Andrew Knight's home twice a week. River has always been well behaved and never aggressive. There was on one occasion, Andrew had taken a fall. River was outside. As soon as he heard Andrew fall he started barking. The support from this dog was amazing.

Thanks for listening

Debbie Crowder

River 272 Kenwood Ave Keswick L4P2X5

Andrew Knight <[REDACTED]>

Sun 2023-09-10 6:22 PM

To: Coleman, Bethany <[REDACTED]>

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Hello,

Statement, more to follow

Andrew Knight

[REDACTED]

From: d c [REDACTED]

Sent: September 10, 2023 3:58 PM

To: [REDACTED] >

Subject: Fw: River

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From: d c [REDACTED]

To: Irene D. [REDACTED] >

Sent: Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 02:16:50 p.m. EDT

Subject: River

To Whom It May Concern

Hi my name is Debbie Cordell, I work for a Healthcare Service. I have been a Homemaker for Andrew Knight for about 2 years now. I go twice a week to his home. I have known River since they got him and have had no problems with the dog. He is very friendly. I have been there when he is eating and have to get by him several times and he has never been aggressive. They take good care of him, he is usually tied up when I arrive and they take him for walks every day. They also take him to a dog park where I have not heard of anything bad happening there.

Thanks Debbie Cordell

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From: **Ron Nixon** [REDACTED] >

Date: Sun, Jan 14, 2024, 10:28 PM

Subject: River

To: <[REDACTED]>

To whom it may concern :

My name is Ron Nixon and I lived across the street from Andrew and Irka for 5 years. I was there when she had her other dog Jasper, and when got her new dog River.

At no time have I ever seen River act aggressive towards any Person or any other Dog or animal, as long as I've known him. River is always tied up on a leash when he is outside.....Winter or Summer.

River is the kind of dog that will whimper or wine for your attention if you stop by to say hi or have a chat with Andrew or Irka. He is very people friendly dog...always on a leash when being walked.

On numerous occasions I have seen a Black and White cat as well as an all Black cat Sitting in the Middle of the street....(KENWOOD AVE.). These cats will sit in the middle of the road when your driving towards them and will not move untill you start to get close to them. Other times they will just sit on the road and look around for 5 or six minutes.

These cats have been wondering the neighborhood and up and down Kenwood Ave as long as I can remember. At no time have I ever seen River wondering around the street or the neighborhood without a leash or unattended. On numerous occasions Andrew has taken River to the Freshco Plaza without any problems.

Dr. Carol Eloskouf M.D., C.C.F.P.

612 Elgin Mills Rd West
Richmond Hill, On., L4C 4M2

T: [REDACTED]

F: [REDACTED]

FOR Knight, David Andrew

ADDRESS _____

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DATE July 12, 2022

To whom it may concern,

Mr Knight has a companion
Dog that is in the process of
being registered as service dog.
He needs his dog to accompany
him due to medical reasons.

Thanks,

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Carol Eloskouf M.D.
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DR. CAROL ELOSKOUF, M.D., C.C.F.P.

132 THE QUEENSWAY SOUTH
KESWICK, ONTARIO L4P 1Z7

TELEPHONE ()

FOR

Knight, David Andrew

ADDRESS

DATE

Sept 6, 2023

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To whom it may concern,

Mr. Knight has a companion dog that he has been trying to register as a service dog but could not afford the cost for that. He needs his dog to accompany him when possible due to medical reasons. Thanks. Carol Eloskouf

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Signatures from Dog Park

Sept 10th, 2023

I am signing this letter to attest to River's behaviour and character as friendly and sociable with all dogs and pet owners at the Lake Dr. dog park.

I understand that River had a fatal mishap with a neighbour's cat, but still deem River as a non-aggressive and not a danger to my knowledge.

Signature	Name	telephone #
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[Signature]

Richard Horn

[Signature]

MARIO SECLAYAH

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Heather Newman

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Juliet Carswell

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Philippa Mullins

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Tom Ball

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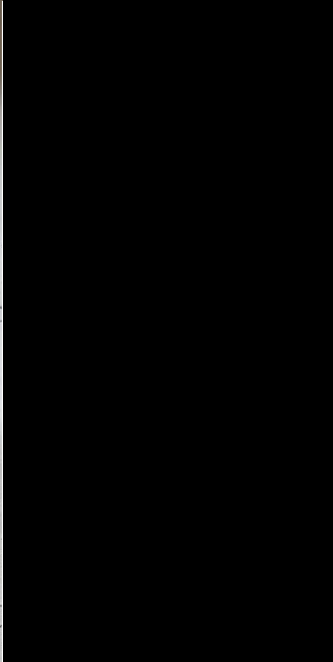
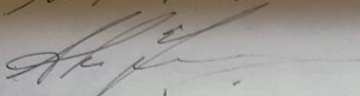

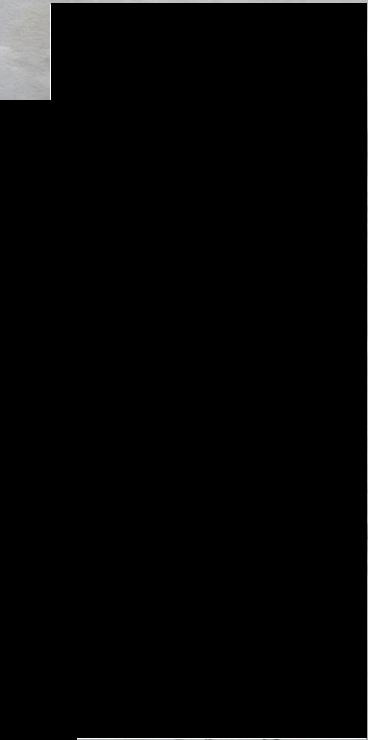
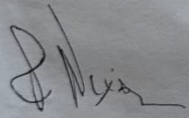
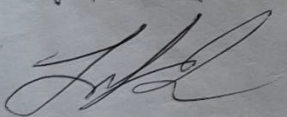
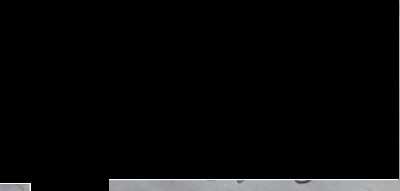
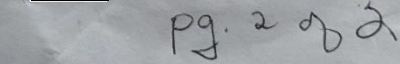
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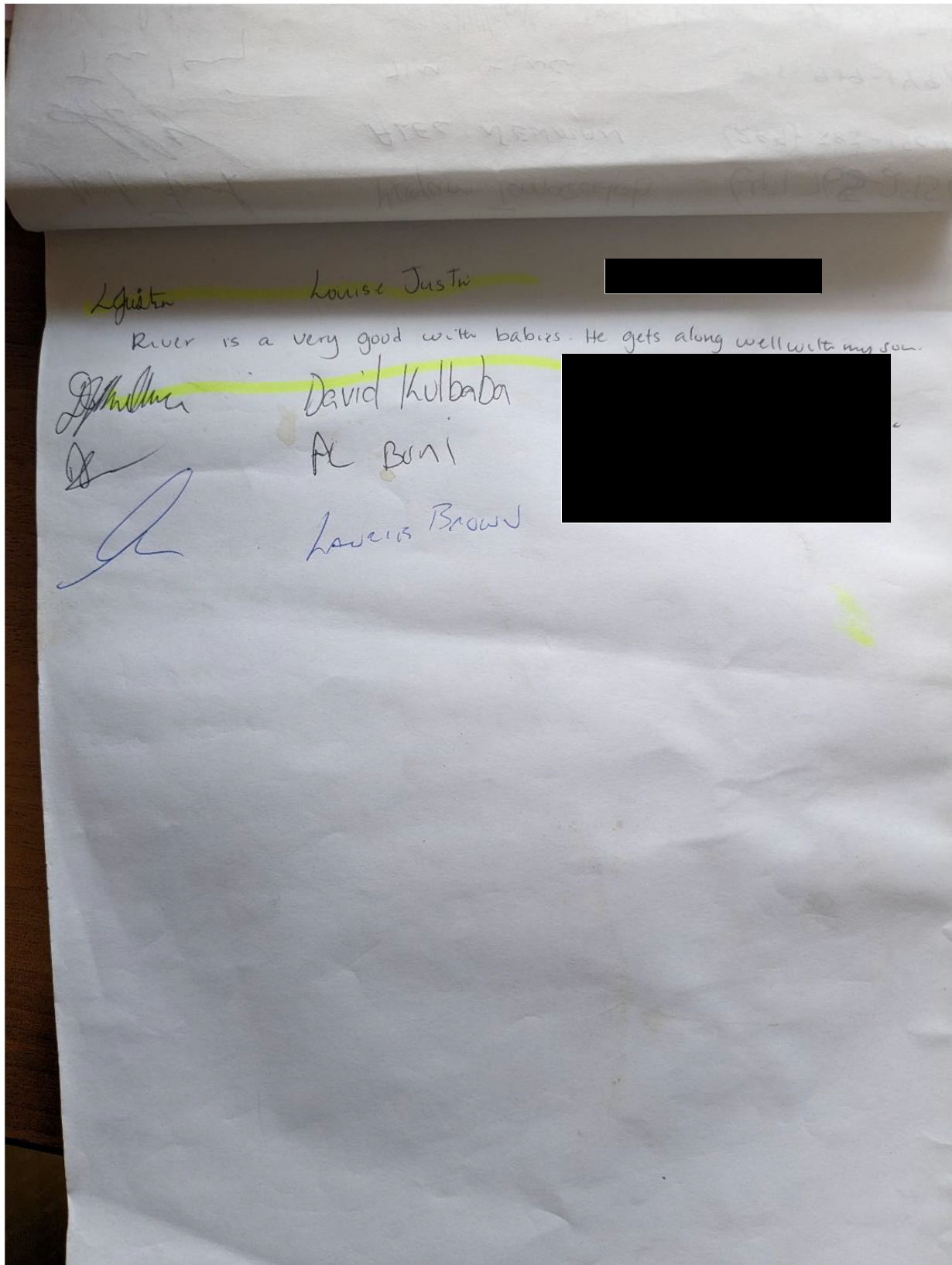
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Signatures from Dog Park





**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA**

Appeals Committee (Aggressive/Dangerous Dogs) Minutes

Date: Monday, January 29, 2024
Time: 7:00 PM

Members of Committee Present: Dan Fellini
Dave Neeson
Lee Dale

Staff Present: Lisa Hnatiw
Mike Hutchinson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Town of Georgina recognizes and acknowledges that we are on lands originally used and occupied by the First Peoples of the Williams Treaties First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples, and on behalf of the Mayor and Council, we would like to thank them for sharing this land. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our close neighbour and friend, one with which we strive to build a cooperative and respectful relationship.

We also recognize the unique relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory. They are the water protectors and environmental stewards of these lands and we join them in these responsibilities.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Moved By: Councillor Fellini

Seconded By: Councillor Neeson

Councillor Dale be appointed as Chair for tonight's meeting

Carried

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. EXPLANATION OF MEETING PROCEDURE

Councillor Dale provided an explanation of the meeting procedures and proper speaker etiquette.

5. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

One Addendum Item

- Additional correspondence received from Linda Sutherland regarding appeal 23-1703.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Neeson

Seconded By: Councillor Fellini

The January 29, 2024 agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

7. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL OR WITHDRAWAL

Request for deferral for appeal 23-3877 for 272 Kenwood Avenue regarding the dog "River" due to appellant not being able to attend due to personal reasons.

Motion to defer.

Moved by: Councillor Fellini

Seconded by: Councillor Neeson

Appeal 23-3877 be deferred to a later date.

Carried

8. AGGRESSIVE/DANGEROUS DOG APPEALS

1. Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Appeal 23-1703

Owner - Renee Blake, located at 115 Dunkirk Avenue, Sutton.

Requesting appeal for Dangerous Dog Order issued for "Qincy"

Renee Blake spoke on Qincy's past and how Renee got Qincy. Renee states what the relationship is like between Quincy and Linda Sutherland's dog Gracie. Renee expressed details regarding the incident that happened on May 5th, 2023. Renee spoke on some of the statements in the agenda.

Linda Sutherland from 101 Dunkirk Avenue. Linda expresses details of the incident that happened on May 5th, 2023.

Councillor Neeson asked Renee to clarify certain details regarding what happened the evening of the incident.

Renee states when they were leaving the dock that Gracie was barking at Quincy, which caused Quincy to react and rip out of Renee's hands and the dog fight started. Renee states that Linda was bleeding after the incident as Linda put her hands in between the fight.

Councillor Fellini states a few comments regarding Quincy's triggers.

Councillor Dale asks Renee if there has been trouble hanging on to Qincy in the past and how Renee plans to hold onto Qincy in the future.

Renee Blake states the different techniques she has tried regarding the control of Qincy.

Councillor Dale asks Renee to summarize how the aggression between the two dogs started.

Councillor Dale asks Linda to describe her injury in result of the incident. As well as Linda's side of what happened that evening of the incident.

Linda stated that she had puncture wounds on her hands. Linda had to get x-rays done of her hands and was put on antibiotics. Gracie had a wound on her ear and was taken to the vet to get a Rabies shot. Linda states that Gracie was not barking when the attack took place and that Qincy came to them and had to go around Linda to get to Gracie.

Nina Patterson from 41 Courting House Place. Nina previously lived on Dunkrik Avenue. Nina described the history of the two dogs, Qincy and Gracie.

Councillor Dale asks Nina how many dogs frequent this dock.

Nina stated that only a few dogs go down to the dock. The dogs are always restrained when down at the dock.

Renee Blake asked Nina Patterson to describe the relationship between Qincy and Nina's dog Hank.

Linda Sutherland spoke on Gracie's behaviour.

Decision:

Moved by: Councillor Neeson

Seconded by: Councillor Fellini

Carried

The order for the Aggressive/Dangerous dog appeal #23-1703 is upheld in its entirety.

2. Aggressive/Dangerous Dog Appeal 23-3877

Owner - Andrew Knight & Irene (Irka) Dorosh, located at 272 Kenwood Avenue, Keswick.

Requesting appeal for Dangerous Dog Order issued for "River".

Deferred to another time.

3. Additional Correspondence Received from Linda Sutherland Appeal 23-1703

9. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on August 15, 2023

Moved By: Councillor Fellini

Seconded By: Councillor Neeson

That the minutes of the meeting held on August 15, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None

11. NEXT MEETING

TBD

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved By: Councillor Neeson

Seconded By: Councillor Fellini

The meeting adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

Carried.