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Attention Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement  
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Please accept this letter as our intent to appeal the decision to declare our dog, Daisy (tag# C0TDAWGH), a dangerous dog. Your letter, dated November 1st indicates that Daisy "was involved in an incident demonstrating dangerous behaviour." The dog involved in this incident was Duke, our 5 year old Sharpee/Rottweiler mix. Duke did bite a PSW who entered our home and was kicking at him when he approached due to her personal fear of dogs, then she jumped on top of Lisa in her wheelchair, which triggered Duke to attack (in defense of his owner). We acknowledge that Duke did seriously injure the PSW who left in an ambulance after David restrained Duke and put him out in the yard, where the other dog, Daisy already was. Since that time, Duke has been euthanized per your order. Daisy was not involved.

When the PSW arrived, she knocked on the door, prompting our daughter Jessica to put Daisy on leash and take her out to the back yard. This was already contrary to the instructions that have been given to the PSW companies on several occasions to call upon arrival to ensure the dogs are locked up or outside. When the PSW entered, she asked Jessica to go and get her father because Lisa's wheelchair was not working.

Instead of knocking on the bedroom door, Jessica (who also has special needs) opened the door to call her dad and Duke ran out, which initiated the situation described above. Remember that Daisy was already outside by the time the PSW entered.

Further to the fact that Daisy was not in the house at the time, be advised that Daisy has severely arthritic hips and can barely hobble around the main level of the house. She cannot even go up the 5 steps to the upper level (which is why she does not get locked up with David and the other dog when David sleeps during the day since he works overnight). We have sent a video of Daisy's limited mobility to Sheena when we heard that the PSW thought Daisy was involved. Nobody has been to the house to see Daisy and assess her. While we can understand why the woman might have been confused during such a traumatic situation, that must be the case because Daisy was neither present nor involved.

Even when someone called for further information, the call woke David up, just as the incident had that fateful day. When questioned about there being another dog he agreed that there was, because the other dog was present on the premises, but David was not aware that Jessica had already put Daisy outside. Nobody spoke to Lisa or Jessica during the follow-up yet they were the two who were present throughout the entire time. While Jessica is not neurotypical, she is high functioning and is able to recall situations and report truthfully. She really is not capable of lying or being manipulative. Unfortunately, our backyard security cameras have not been working properly since the house was hit by lightning recently, so we have no video evidence.

Aside from Daisy not being present in the house at the time of the incident, and not being capable of moving in any dangerous way, she is well contained when out in the backyard with its 5-foot fences all around. Muzzling her and increasing the height of the fences would serve no purpose at all except to inconvenience and add an unaffordable cost on a family that is already financially strained in maintaining care for Lisa. Please reconsider this decision.

Regards,

David and Lisa Harvey