

February 13, 2020

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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ORDER OF DISMISSAL

SUBJECT: Regional Animal Services of King County file no. **V19010170**

ZACHARY AUBLE

Animal Services Enforcement Appeal

Activity no.: A19008984

Appellant: **Zachary Auble**

[REDACTED]
Auburn, WA 98002
[REDACTED]

King County: Regional Animal Services of King County
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On January 27, 2020, we emailed and mailed our notice of yesterday's hearing. We received no communication that the time or date were unworkable. Yet the appellant failed to appear. That constitutes abandonment of his appeal. We DISMISS his appeal.

Looking forward, although today's dismissal only acts as a final decision related to the December 15 violation notice, that was already a second violation. And looking through the

investigation notes it *appears*¹ there was an alleged violation later in December and then one in January. Not only does that mean more monetary penalties for a financially-strapped Appellant, but three violation notices in 12-month period can result in Copper being seized and removed from Appellant.

Removal would be a shame, for at least two reasons. First, the Animal Services notes describe Copper as “fun-loving” and seemingly a sweet dog. And Appellant asserts that Copper means the world to him. If that is true, then Appellant needs to get his act together, bring his A-game, and insure—by whatever means necessary—that Copper stays contained and that Appellant gets to keep him.

DATED February 13, 2020.



David Spohr
Hearing Examiner

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

King County Code 20.22.040 directs the Examiner to make the County’s final decision for this type of case. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless appealed to superior court by *March 16, 2020*. Either party may appeal this decision by applying for a writ of review in superior court in accordance with chapter 7.16 RCW.

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¹ We say “appears,” because the record submitted to us only related to the December 15 violation and its appeal. The other information comes from a few lines on an administrative form.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, Jessica Oscoy, certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I transmitted the **ORDER OF DISMISSAL** to those listed on the attached page as follows:

- EMAILED to all County staff listed as parties/interested persons and parties with e-mail addresses on record.
- placed with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage, as FIRST CLASS MAIL in an envelope addressed to the non-County employee parties/interested persons to addresses on record.

DATED February 13, 2020.



Jessica Oscoy
Legislative Secretary

Auble, Zachary

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Bartlett, Jordan

Hardcopy

Russell, Shelby

Regional Animal Services of King County