

October 1, 2020

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**SUMMARY ORDER**

SUBJECT: Regional Animal Services of King County file no. **V20010958-A20012910**

**QIAN ZHANG**

Animal Services Enforcement Appeal

Activity no.: A20012910

Appellant: **Qian Zhang**

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King County: Regional Animal Services of King County

*represented by* **Chelsea Eykel**

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This case involves an appeal of a viciousness determination for the Appellants' dog, Gracie, after she attacked the complaint (Jeff Bowlby)'s dog Penny. At yesterday's hearing, Appellants participated, but the complaint did not. In yesterday's scenario, Animal Services could not meet its burden of proof without its witness, so we granted the appeal.

In re-reviewing our file to write this order, the complainant's no-show should not have surprised us. On September 4, he emailed us, Appellants, and Animal Services that:

Since the visit from KC Regional Animal Services officer, the Zhang household has been compliant with requirements and expectations regarding the management of their dog.

Given the \$500 fine for the citation could be severely punitive for some households, I hope you'll consider my affirmative observations when contemplating their appeal.

We somehow missed that in our preparation, but the complainant seems to have been signaling a desire not to pursue this case. And it is good to hear that Appellants have been meeting requirements and expectations.

In any event, we GRANT the Zhangs' appeal.

DATED October 1, 2020.



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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 *November 2, 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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**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, HEARING IN THE APPEAL OF QIAN ZHANG, REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES OF KING COUNTY FILE NO. V20010958-A20012910**

David Spohr was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. Participating in the hearing was Chelsea Eykel and Qian Zhang. A verbatim recording of the hearing is available in the Hearing Examiner's Office.

The following exhibits were offered and entered into the record by Animal Services:

Exhibit no. D1	Regional Animal Services of King County staff report to the Hearing Examiner
Exhibit no. D2	Online Complaint form of July 24, 2020 incident by Jeff Bowlby, dated July 24, 2020
Exhibit no. D3	RASKC investigation report no. A20012910
Exhibit no. D4	Photograph of Complainant dog's eye
Exhibit no. D5	Medical record, dated July 24, 2020
Exhibit no. D6	Notice of violation no. V20010958-A20012910, issued July 28, 2020
Exhibit no. D7	Appeal
Exhibit no. D8	Map of subject area

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, Lauren Olson, certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I transmitted the **SUMMARY ORDER** 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 October 1, 2020.



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Lauren Olson  
Legislative Secretary

**Bowlby, Jeff**  
Hardcopy

**Eykel, Chelsea**  
Regional Animal Services of King County

**Zhang, Qian**  
Hardcopy