

May 9, 2022

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**REPORT AND DECISION**

SUBJECT: Regional Animal Services of King County file no. **V22012909-A2000666**

**PATRICK HALFERTY**

Animal Services Enforcement Appeal

Activity no.: A22000666

Appellant: **Patrick Halferty**

North Bend, WA 98045

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**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:**

Overview

1. Patrick Halferty appeals an order designating his dog as vicious and requiring the dog be contained. After hearing the witnesses' testimony (here, undisputed) and observing their demeanor, studying the exhibits admitted into evidence, and considering the parties' arguments and the relevant law, we grant the appeal.







### 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 *June 8, 2022*. Either party may appeal this decision by applying for a writ of review in superior court in accordance with chapter 7.16 RCW.

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2022, HEARING IN THE APPEAL OF PATRICK HALFERTY, REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES OF KING COUNTY FILE NO. V22012909-A2000666**

David Spohr was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. Participating in the hearing were Chelsea Eykel, Richard Andrews, and Patrick Halferty. 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             Notice of violation no. V22012909-A2000666, issued February 12, 2022
- Exhibit no. D3             NVOC mailing/tracking history
- Exhibit no. D4             RASKC investigation report no. A22000666
- Exhibit no. D5             Online Complaint form of January 12, 2022, incident by Richard Andrews, dated February 10, 2022
- Exhibit no. D6             Documents and Veterinary Records submitted by Richard Andrews, dated April 5, 2022
- Exhibit no. D7             Appeal, received March 2, 2022
- Exhibit no. D8             Photograph of Baxter’s injuries
- Exhibit no. D9             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 **REPORT AND DECISION** 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 May 9, 2022.

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Lauren Olson  
Legislative Secretary

**Andrews, Richard**

Hardcopy

**Eykel, Chelsea**

Regional Animal Services of King County

**Halferty, Patrick**

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**Smokoska, Rebecca**

Regional Animal Services of King County