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**REPORT AND DECISION**

SUBJECT: Regional Animal Services of King County file nos. **V22013133 and V22013134**

**NANCY AND ALLYN MURPHY**  
Animal Services Enforcement Appeal

Activity no.: A22002222

Appellants: **Nancy and Allyn Murphy**

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FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

Overview

1. Nancy and Allyn Murphy appeal a violation notice for their dog, Gizmo, trespassing on private property and being a vicious animal at large, and they appeal an order to remove Gizmo from King County. After hearing witnesses' testimony and observing demeanor, studying the exhibits admitted into evidence, and considering the parties' arguments and the relevant law, we sustain the violations and \$550 in penalties; we overturn the removal order, but we clarify that none of the current fence qualifies as acceptable for Gizmo.

### Background

2. On October 19, 2018, Paul Sowa filed a complaint asserting that on March 5, 2018, Gizmo bit his dog Lily, and on October 16, 2018, Gizmo bit another one of his dogs, Buzz. Ex. D10. Lily's injuries were severe and required vet care. Exs. D8 and D9. Buzz also lost blood and required vet care. Exs. D12, D13, D14, and D19.
3. On May 23, 2019, Mr. Sowa filed a complaint asserting that Gizmo and another Murphy dog, Lily (different dog, same name as complainant's Lily), trespassed onto their property, where Gizmo bit Mr. Sowa's dog, Riley, in the face. Ex. D17. Animal Services issued the Murphys violation notice V19009440 for Gizmo trespassing on private property, qualifying as vicious, and needing to be confined; Lily was cited only for trespassing. Ex. D21. The Murphys timely appealed. Ex. D23.
4. Based on notification that the parties mutually agreed to a resolution, on July 15, 2019, we issued an order, dismissing the Murphys' appeal. Ex. D25. Once the thirty-day period for appealing our decision to superior court passed, Gizmo's designation as a vicious dog and the terms of the confinement order became etched in stone.
5. On January 31, 2022, Rhonda Kolodji-Sowa filed a complaint asserting that on January 27 Gizmo broke the plane of the fence that separates their properties and bit her dog, Rocky, in the mouth. Ex. D27.
6. On April 18, 2022, Ms. Kolodji-Sowa filed a complaint asserting that on April 16 Gizmo trespassed onto her property and again attacked Rocky. Ex. D31. Rocky suffered a leg injury and required medical attention. Exs. D34 and D35. Animal Services did not issue a violation notice.
7. On April 30, 2022, Ms. Kolodji-Sowa filed a complaint asserting that that morning, Gizmo trespassed her property. Ex. D2. She included a video of Gizmo trespassing. Ex D3. Animal Services issued the Murphys a violation notice and a removal order. Exs. D5 and D6. The Murphys timely appealed. Ex. D7.
8. We went to hearing on June 29. For reasons explained in our July 1 summary order, we ended the hearing at the close of Animal Services' case, with the Murphys choosing not offer testimony. We upheld the removal order, but allowed the Murphys to file a timely motion for reconsideration. They did, and we resumed our hearing on August 10.

### Hearing Testimony from June 29

#### *Testimony of Jerry Hedal*

9. Mr. Hedal is a long-term friend of the Sowas. He testified that when he visited them, their gate latch would open and close on the side of the Murphy's fence line, meaning he had to grab the post on the right (Murphy) side to disconnect the hinge. Gizmo would wait, hiding behind a bush on the Murphy side, for Mr. Hedal's hand to come near the fence line on the gate and then lunge. Gizmo used to be a nice dog, but over time he

became more aggressive. When Mr. Heddal visits, he is always cautious, as some days Gizmo is going “crazy” at the fence line, snarling and barking for no reason.

10. The Murphys had hog wire fencing along the property line near the Kolodji’s gate and though it offered some protection, the gaps were large enough for Gizmo to poke his head through. About a year ago, Mr. Heddal helped the Sowas move the gate hinges to the opposite end, away from the Murphys’ property line. Later, the Murphys removed the hog wire fencing near the gate and replaced it with plywood. Ex. D15.

*Testimony of Justin Clark*

11. Mr. Clark is also a long-term friend of the Sowas. His experience with Gizmo is similar to Mr. Heddal’s before the gate latch was switched. As soon as he gets out of his vehicle, Gizmo is often eating at the fence (literally biting it) attempting to get at him; it is unnerving to visit the Sowas. Out of caution, Mr. Clark stopped bringing his dog over. At times Gizmo even hides in the bushes and then suddenly appears when Mr. Clark gets closer to the fence.

*Testimony of Rhonda Kolodji-Sowa*

12. After the 2018 incident when Gizmo attacked Buzz, the Murphys paid the Sowas \$100; that is when the Murphys began adding smaller steel fencing. Ms. Kolodji-Sowa witnessed the 2019 incident when Gizmo attacked Riley; Gizmo stuck his nose through the fence and grabbed Riley. Later that year, Gizmo grabbed Rocky through the side fence and Ms. Kolodji-Sowa had to kick at the fence to get Gizmo to release him.
13. The Sowas covered the fence with 100 feet of tarp to prevent Gizmo from looking through, but it was not useful, as Gizmo would just bite through it. That area of the Sowa property is now off-limits to their dogs and horses. The Sowas covered that side of the fencing with plywood and after Gizmo attacked Lily the first time, the Murphys put additional plywood on the top panels.
14. On January 27, 2022, Gizmo grabbed her Malamute [Rocky] through the fence and held on until she kicked hard enough to get Gizmo to release.
15. Ms. Kolodji-Sowa did not witness the April 16 altercation, but around 4 p.m. she saw Rocky limping and noticed blood on his front leg. Ms. Kolodji-Sowa bandaged him, but when she removed the bandage the following day, his wound was full of puss. As Ms. Kolodji-Sowa exited her property to take Rocky to the vet, she noticed that the fencing and wire had been pushed away from the gate, as if Gizmo had pushed through it to grab Rocky. Ex. D33. The Murphys contacted Animal Services themselves the following day, but did not contact Ms. Kolodji-Sowa. The gate in exhibit D33 is on the easement, which Ms. Kolodji-Sowa installed as a temporary fix, so the Murphy dogs are not even allowed to be close to that area of the fence (Ms. Kolodji-Sowa argues that the gate is on her property). Ms. Kolodji-Sowa does not allow her dogs on that side of the fence anymore either.

16. On April 30, Ms. Kolodji-Sowa heard a commotion outside of her bedroom, so she ran out and saw Gizmo fighting with Bella and Rocky through their interior fence (the fencing has small squares); she witnessed Gizmo bite through the fence in an attempt to get to her dogs. Gizmo lunges at the fence and waits for the dogs to get close and then puts his jaws through the fence gaps. She heard the Murphys calling Gizmo back. Ms. Kolodji-Sowa is tired of paying vet bills.

*Testimony of Paul Sowa*

17. On the 2019 incident, Gizmo and Lily (the Murphy's Lily), and Mr. Murphy all trespassed on the Sowa property; exhibit D20 is the internal gate, while exhibit D36 shows the gate on the Sowa property. The property lines are approximate lines, according to the tax parcel information site (42002 Murphys and 41920 Sowa in exhibit D36). The Sowas were granted that easement to enter their property. Mr. Sowa was about 100 yards away from the gate and fired his shot gun at the ground to scare off Gizmo and Lily.
18. Mr. Sowa has been a real estate agent for over thirty years. He cites RCW 7.48.010 for actionable nuisances and argues that Gizmo is causing him health issues and causing the Sowas to lose comfortable enjoyment on their property.
19. Mr. Sowa is almost 72 years old. He is limited to using his right arm and leg and even a slight bump can affect his balance. Mr. Sowa is also concerned that if they sell their property, they will have to legally disclose that there is a vicious dog next door and will lose potential buyers. Mr. Sowa cannot even see his grandson on his property because his daughter refuses to bring him along when she visits, due to fear of Gizmo. Due to Mr. Sowa's health issues and the multiple incidences with Gizmo, Mr. Sowa suffers from anxiety; Mr. Sowa is fearful that one day Gizmo may lose control and attack him.

Hearing Testimony from August 10

*Testimony of Al Murphy*

20. Mr. Murphy testified that in the last thirty-seven years, the Sowas are the first neighbors he has had issues with on either side of his property. Mr. Murphy argues that Gizmo's head is too big to get his head through the fence. On the other hand, he has seen the Sowa dogs stick *their* head through the fence and at times one or two Sowa dogs come up to the gate located on the easement and bark and growl at the Murphys. The Murphy dogs have been confined 24/7 to their backyard on their 11-acre property since the May 2019 incident; only once did Gizmo get out [April 30], but nothing happened that day. Mr. Murphy contests that Gizmo was on the Sowa property on April 16.
21. Mr. Murphy has witnessed the Sowas' own husky [Rocky is actually a Malamute] growl at the other Sowa dogs. Mr. Murphy believes that the problem is with the husky because the Murphys have not had any issues with the Sowas in the last three years, prior to the Sowa's getting the husky.

*Testimony from Nancy Murphy*

22. On April 16, Ms. Murphy was pulling up in her car with Gizmo. She got out to open the gate and her small dog [Lily] came out with her; Gizmo stayed in the car. The Sowa husky [Rocky] then jumped through the backend of the fence and onto the Murphy property. Lily quickly got in front of Ms. Murphy to protect her. Ms. Murphy was yelling and kicking at the husky to scare it away. Gizmo jumped out of the car and began fighting with Rocky. Ms. Murphy kicked at both Gizmo and Rocky to try and break it up, finally getting a kick in between their heads to break it up. Lily and Gizmo had broken teeth from that incident.
23. On April 30, Ms. Murphy opened her barn door without realizing that Gizmo had not entered with her. After she realized that Gizmo was not beside her, Ms. Murphy walked to the wire fence and saw Gizmo on the Sowa property. Ms. Murphy called him, and Gizmo came back immediately.
24. On May 7 her son, Mike, was waiting in his car while she walked to the gate. The Sowa husky was loose and “attacked” from the easement, launching himself at Mike’s window, but the window was up. Mike filed a complaint. Ex. D7 at 017.<sup>1</sup>
25. Ms. Murphy frequently walks with her neighbors when she walks Gizmo, and Gizmo is well behaved. The Murphys have not had any issues regarding Gizmo with anyone else. Gizmo allows himself to be petted and he patiently waits with Murphy at the bus stop.

Legal Standards

26. Animal Services asserts that, on April 30, Gizmo trespassed, defined as a “domesticated animal that enters upon a person’s property without the permission of that person,” KCC 11.04.230.K.
27. Animal Services asserts that, in so leaving the Murphy property without a leash, Gizmo violated KCC 11.04.230.I, which defines as a nuisance “Any vicious animal or animal with vicious propensities that runs at large at any time it is off the owner’s premises and not securely leashed on a line or confined and in the control of a person of suitable age and discretion to control or restrain the animal.”
28. Animal Services seeks Gizmo’s removal from King County under KCC 11.04.290.A.3, which states:

Failure to comply with any requirement prescribed by the manager [*in the 2019 order*] constitutes a misdemeanor. Such an animal shall not be kept in unincorporated King County after forty-eight hours after receiving written notice from the manager. Such an animal or animals found in violation of this section shall be impounded and disposed of as an unredeemed animal

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<sup>1</sup> A friend of the Murphy’, Shirley Schutt, participated in the hearing and offered some testimony. But she had only met Gizmo once, in 2018.

and the owner or keeper of the animal or animals has no right to redeem the animal or animals.

29. We do not grant substantial weight or otherwise accord deference to agency determinations. Exam. R. XV.F.3. For those matters or issues raised in an appeal statement, Animal Services bears the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence both the violation and the appropriateness of the remedy it has imposed. KCC 20.22.080.G; .210.B.

### Analysis

30. As the testimony of Ms. Murphy, Ms. Kolodji-Sowa, and Mr. Sowa, and Ms. Kolodji-Sowa's video all show that, on April 30, Gizmo trespassed, a domesticated animal that entered upon the Kolodji-Sowa property without their permission. Animal Services has proven a violation of KCC 11.04.230.K, which carries a \$50 fine.
31. And because, in the eyes of the law, Gizmo has been vicious since V19009440 became final in 2019, on April 30 Gizmo was a vicious animal off his premises and not securely leashed on a line or confined. Animal Services has proven a violation KCC 11.04.230.I, which carries a \$500.
32. The Murphys attempt to challenge whether Gizmo actually qualifies as vicious or not. The time to follow through with that challenge would have been in 2019. But even if the Murphys were allowed to collaterally attack Gizmo's viciousness status and confinement order in the present appeal, we would have little trouble, based on the current evidence, finding that Gizmo qualifies as vicious and needs to be confined.
33. Gizmo has a long history of biting and injuring Sowa dogs. Even if we accept the Murphys' assessment that the husky [Rocky] is as aggressive as the Murphys say, and that Rocky's relatively new inclusion in the fold upped the tension, Gizmo seriously tore up one Kolodji-Sowa dog (Lily, in March 2018, exhibit D8), bit another Kolodji-Sowa dog (Buzz in October 2018) who also required vet care, and bit still another Kolodji-Sowa dog (Riley) in May 2019.
34. And Gizmo's aggression is not simply limited to dogs. Mr. Heddal explained that while Gizmo was sweet as a puppy, when the Kolodji/Sowa gate latch abutted the Murphy fence, Gizmo would repeatedly wait until he put his hand near the gate and then lunge at his hand, putting his mouth through cattle fencing. Mr. Clark described the same thing; on multiple visits Gizmo tried to bite through the fence to get at him, with Gizmo's mouth repeatedly coming through the fence. (Ms. Kolodji described a similar pattern of Gizmo backing off from the fence, lying in wait, then jumping and sticking his jaws to the fence to grab at her dogs).
35. Gizmo easily meets the criteria for a vicious dog, having performed vicious acts (multiple vicious acts) without legal provocation and constituting a danger (a significant danger). KCC 11.04.020.BB; .230.H. Gizmo may be sweet to the Murphys and to others while around the Murphys, but the Murphys are in an advanced state of denial, bordering on delusional, about the threat Gizmo poses to those people and animals that Gizmo

does not consider friends. And they are telling themselves stories to continue denying that Gizmos can get his teeth through the wide-gapped common fence line, despite numerous instances of Gizmo doing exactly that and causing injury.

36. However, the legal inquiry for a KCC 11.04.290.A.3 removal is whether there has been a “Failure to comply with any requirement prescribed by the manager.” And that 2019 order required the Murphys to:

Secure your animals in a fenced area suitable for the size of the animal when your animal is unattended and outside your home. Lock all passages with a padlock to prevent accidental release.

Restrain your animal using a leash with a collar or harness when taking it off your property. Your leash can extend no longer than 8’ in length. A competent and capable person must handle the animal at all times when attended outside.

Ex. D21 at 001. Mr. Murphy asserts that they have followed those terms, with April 30, 2022, being the only time since then that Gizmo was off their property and not on a leash.

37. On first blush, that seems disingenuous. When the Animal Services officer came out on May 3, 2022, Ms. Murphy claimed she did not know anything about the 2019 confinement order, an order Mr. Murphy now claims they have been dutifully following for years.<sup>2</sup> And Mr. Murphy asserts he did not know that by dropping his appeal in 2019, Gizmos’ viciousness designation and confinement order became final and unchallengeable, yet he claims they have dutifully been following that order anyway.
38. Yet the facts are not so clear. While Gizmos cut a swath of destruction through May 2019, there is zero in the record regarding any alleged breaches of the above confinement terms for the rest of 2019, all of 2020, and all of 2021.
39. Turning to 2022, there is no question that Gizmo and Rocky were both at the shared fence line on January 27. Gizmo was not released, accidentally or otherwise, nor was he off the Murphy property without a leash. We return in a minute to what it means to “secure” an animal in a “fenced area,” but it was not an unambiguous violation.
40. Regarding April 16, while Ms. Kolodji-Sowa claimed in her complaint that Rocky’s injury happened when Gizmo broke the plane of the fence, she clarified that she did not actually witness the event, and only surmised the sequence of events. Exs. D31, D32 at 002, n. 3. Ms. Murphy did witness it.
41. Ms. Murphy was not a particularly credible witness. Beyond being untethered from reality regarding the threat Gizmo poses, Ms. Murphy claimed she did not know anything about the 2019 confinement requirement, despite her signing the five page appeal to that notice and order. Ex. D23. And, for the later May 7, 2022, incident, Mr. Murphy claimed

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<sup>2</sup> Ms. Murphy actually signed their five-page appeal statement to the 2019 notice and order Ex. D23.

that Rocky “attacked” her son in his car, embellishing what her son Mike—who was ostensibly the victim of the alleged attack—merely described as dogs jumping on his door. Ex. D7 at 017.<sup>3</sup>

42. But what we know from that May 7 incident is that the Sowa dogs were able to escape their property. Even if Ms. Murphy was embellishing *what* happened on April 16, that is different from *where* the incident started. We do find that April 16 was a violation of the confinement order.
43. April 30 there was a definite violation. But we are the most exacting of Animal Services on removal orders, given what is at stake. *Mathews v. Eldridge*, 424 U.S. 319, 335 (1976) (nature of private interest impacted is factor in determining how much process is due); Exam. R. XII.B.4 (higher standards in proceeding involving divestiture of legally cognizable rights); *Mansour v. King County*, 131 Wn. App. 255, 265, 128 P.3d 1241, 1246 (2006) (in the context of an order removing a dog from King County, “the more important the decision, the higher the burden of proof.”) *Repin v. State*, 198 Wn. App. 243, 284, 392 P.3d 1174 (2017) (Fearing, C.J., concurring) (analyzing court decisions recognizing “the bond between animal and human and the intrinsic and an estimable value a companion animal”).
44. Saving for a moment the January 27 breaking-the-fence-plane issue, April 30 was the only clear violation of the 2019 order in a three-year period. And while Gizmo has a long history of injuring not one, not two, not three, but *four* Sowa dogs, nothing much happened on April 30. Given the high scrutiny we apply to removal orders, we have sometimes been persuaded by a first-time violation of a confinement order, coupled with a no-harm-no-foul argument.
45. So that brings us back to January 27. If that was another violation, then April 30 was *not* a one-off and our above reasoning is inapplicable. But those above-quoted bullet points in the confinement order seem geared to preventing the animal from leaving the property. It was not an unambiguous violation in the same way that April 30 was. Animal Services has not met its high burden on proving that removal is warranted.
46. Yet we want to ensure there is no confusion going forward. From here on out, having Gizmo *anywhere near* the slapdash fence at their boundary with the easement or with the Kolodji-Sowa property explicitly does *not* qualify as the Murphys “securing” Gizmo in a “suitable” area. The Kolodji-Sowas should not have to give up functional use of their property, live in constant fear just because the Murphys have a vicious dog that launches himself at fences, or have to try to make improvements to fence Gizmo out while the Murphys live in a state of denial.

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<sup>3</sup> Animal Services discounting Ms. Murphy’s email forward because the date read “Saturday, 07/05/2022” was erroneous. The idea that the technically-challenged, elderly Ms. Murphy had the wherewithal to intentionally alter a date stamp on an email, and to change the date it in a way that would totally undercut her claim, and be the wrong day of the week to boot (July 5 was a Tuesday) is far-fetched. The far, far more plausible explanation is that Ms. Murphy managed to misconfigure her email to the convention used in most places outside the United States: day/month/year. Mike Murphy sent his email at 1:51 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, and Ms. Murphy forwarded that to Animal Services nine minutes later.

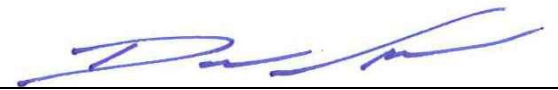


47. Unless or until the Murphys construct, at their sole expense, something, like a six-foot solid wood fence—and not just some jerry-rigged contraption—along any border they share with the easement or with the Sowas, Gizmo is not to come within five feet of their common border or the easement. If Gizmo does, or if he gets off the property not on a leash, the outcome of the next removal order may very different—assuming the next time Mr. Sowa does not show the same level or restraint with his shotgun, obviating the need for a hearing.
48. The Murphys dearly seem to value Gizmo, even offering to move rather than give him up. Whatever they need to do, like tether or kennel Gizmo or keep the car windows rolled up so Gizmo cannot jump out, to ensure he stays well within their property, do it now, so we do not find ourselves back here.
49. Finally, we offer no comment on Mr. Sowa's assertion that Gizmo is an actionable nuisance. That would be a separate matter decided by a court, not an examiner.

DECISION:

1. We uphold violation V22013133 and the \$550 in penalties.
2. We reverse removal order V22013134, except that, from this date forward, unless or until the Murphys construct, at their sole expense, something, like a six-foot solid wood fence—and not just some jerry-rigged contraption—along any border they share with the easement or with the Sowas, Gizmo is not allowed to come within five feet of their common border or the easement.

ORDERED August 24, 2022.



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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 *September 23, 2022*. Either party may appeal this decision by applying for a w Ef review in superior court in accordance with chapter 7.16 RCW.

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 29, 2022, HEARING IN THE APPEAL OF NANCY MURPHY, REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES OF KING COUNTY FILE NOS. V22013133 and V22013134**

David Spohr was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. Participating in the hearing were Justin Clark, Chelsea Eykel, Jerry Hedal, and Rhonda Kolodji-Sowa, and Paul Sowa. 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:

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| Exhibit no. D1  | Regional Animal Services of King County staff report to the Hearing Examiner                       |
| Exhibit no. D2  | Online Complaint form of April 30, 2022, incident by Rhonda Kolodji, dated April 30, 2022          |
| Exhibit no. D3  | Video showing Gizmo trespassing  |
| Exhibit no. D4  | RASKC investigation report no. A22-002222  |
| Exhibit no. D5  | Notice of violation no. V22013133-A22002222, issued May 3, 2022                                    |
| Exhibit no. D6  | Notice and order for removal no. V22013134-A22002222, issued May 3, 2022                           |
| Exhibit no. D7  | Appeal, received May 16, 2022  |
| Exhibit no. D8  | Photographs of Lilly's injuries from March 2018  |
| Exhibit no. D9  | Vet Report, dated March 3, 2018  |
| Exhibit no. D10 | Online Complaint form of 2018s incident by Paul Sowa, dated October 19, 2018                       |
| Exhibit no. D11 | RASKC investigation report no. A18-005298  |
| Exhibit no. D12 | Buzz's blood on the side of Rhonda Kolodji's car   |
| Exhibit no. D13 | Vet Bill, dated October 17, 2018   |
| Exhibit no. D14 | Photograph of Buzz   |
| Exhibit no. D15 | Photographs of the Kolodji driveway  |
| Exhibit no. D16 | Photographs of the Murphy gate   |
| Exhibit no. D17 | Online Complaint form of May 19, 2019, incident by Paul Sowa, dated May 23, 2019                   |
| Exhibit no. D18 | RASKC investigation report no. A19-002407  |
| Exhibit no. D19 | Photograph of puncture wound to Riley's face   |
| Exhibit no. D20 | Photograph of the gate on the Kolodji property where incident occurred                             |
| Exhibit no. D21 | Notice of violation no. V19009440, issued May 25, 2019   |
| Exhibit no. D22 | NVOC mailing/tracking history for V19009440  |
| Exhibit no. D23 | Appeal for V19009440, received June 10, 2019   |
| Exhibit no. D24 | Email from Animal Services, dated July 6, 2019   |
| Exhibit no. D25 | Order of Dismissal, issued July 15, 2019   |
| Exhibit no. D26 | Video of Gizmo at the shared fence line and large gap hog wire                                     |
| Exhibit no. D27 | Online Complaint form of January 27, 2022, incident by Rhonda Kolodji-Sowa, dated January 31, 2022 |
| Exhibit no. D28 | RASKC investigation report no. A22000523   |
| Exhibit no. D29 | Photographs of the tarps and wood panels on the Kolodji-Sowa property                              |
| Exhibit no. D30 | Photographs of the posting to the Murphy property and unlocked gate                                |

Exhibit no. D31 Online Complaint form of April 16, 2022, incident by Rhonda Kolodji, dated April 18, 2022  
Exhibit no. D32 RASKC investigation report no. A22-001927  
Exhibit no. D33 Photographs of wire pushed to the inside of the Kolodji-Sowa gate  
Exhibit no. D34 Photograph of Rocky's injuries  
Exhibit no. D35 Vet Bill, dated April 17, 2022  
Exhibit no. D36 Maps of subject area

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2022, HEARING IN THE APPEAL OF NANCY MURPHY, REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES OF KING COUNTY FILE NOS. V22013133 and V22013134**

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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 **REPORT AND DECISION** to those listed on the attached page as follows:

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DATED August 24, 2022.



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