

February 14, 2023

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SUMMARY ORDER

SUBJECT: Regional Animal Services of King County file no. **V22013782-A222006067**

SARINA GRAF AND SHAYLA BEHLING

Animal Services Enforcement Appeal

Activity no.: A22006067

Appellant: **Sarina Graf and Shayla Behling**

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Last week's hearing was somewhat truncated, with the lack of a complainant witness. Appellants apologized for the incident and explained the steps they have taken to avoid a repeat. Animal Services agreed that Appellants seem to have set themselves up for future success.

We do not make any findings about what happened on November 20, 2022. However, we note that per code, if a dog bites or attempts to bite people twice within a two-year period, it can result in the dog's removal from the County.

We closed the hearing noting that we would overturn the viciousness designation, compliance order, and monetary penalty, and suggested that Appellants reach out to the complainant and purchase her a new jacket, or least compensate her for any jacket she already had to purchase to replace her torn one.

For the reasons stated above, we GRANT the appeal

DATED February 14, 2023.



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, 2023*. 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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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:

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DATED February 14, 2023.



Lauren Olson
Legislative Secretary

Bobo, Stephanie

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Eykel, Chelsea

Regional Animal Services of King County

Shayla Behling, Sarina Graf/

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