

September 1, 2023

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AMENDED ORDER OF DISMISSAL

SUBJECT: Regional Animal Services of King County file no. **V22013866-A22006483**

LISA SPRUTE

Animal Services Enforcement Appeal

Activity no.: A22006483

Appellant: **Lisa Sprute**

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On August 29, we wrote that because the parties had resolved the *noise* dispute, we were dismissing violation V22013866 without prejudice. However, because the original case was old, we had forgotten that in addition to citing Scout, Brody, and Cy for barking (which has now been resolved), as of the date of the December 2022 violation notice, neither Scout, Brody, and Cy were licensed, and Animal Services had cited Scout, Brody, and Cy for being unlicensed. Ms. Sprute did *not* dispute the licensing violations in her January 2023 appeal.

Yesterday my office received the following from Sgt. Eykel:

When removing the charges for the barking violations for V23-013866 I saw there are also licensing violations. I looked and there are no licenses for animals at the Sprute residence. I have removed the \$150 in fines for excessive barking, but the \$375 for unlicensed animals remains and will be referred for collections as this violation is from 2022.

Thus apparently Scout, Brody, and Cy are *still* not licensed. Thus we amend our August 29 dismissal order as follows:

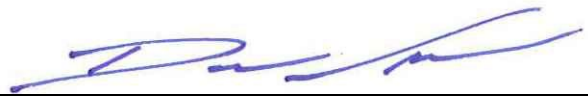
The three barking violations from V22013866 are dismissed without prejudice.

The three licensing violations and \$375 in penalties from V22013866 remain.

Our September 6, 2023, conference is cancelled.

If for some reason we have misunderstood the situation, by **October 2, 2023**, either party is free to file, with the examiner, a motion for reconsideration explaining why the examiner should not be dismissing this appeal. Filing a timely motion for reconsideration postpones the deadline (described below the signature line) for lodging an appeal.

DATED September 1, 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 *October 2, 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 **AMENDED 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, through Quadient-Impress, with sufficient postage, as FIRST CLASS MAIL in an envelope addressed to the non-County employee parties/interested persons to addresses on record.

DATED September 1, 2023.



Lauren Olson
Legislative Secretary

Eykel, Chelsea

Regional Animal Services of King County

Grant, Gabriela

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Lavallee, Adrian

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Shults, Terese

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Sprute, Lisa

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