

July 25, 2023

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SUMMARY ORDER

SUBJECT: Regional Animal Services of King County file no. **V23014148-A23002519**

RODERICK JONES

Animal Services Enforcement Appeal

Activity no.: A23002519

Appellant: **Roderick Jones**

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Kent, WA 98032

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King County: Regional Animal Services of King County
represented by **Chelsea Eykel**
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Prior to April 14, 2023, there is no evidence that there were any problems, or even concerns, with either of Roderick Jones' dogs. However, on April 14, his dogs got loose and attacked a small child.

On April 15, Animal Services served Mr. Jones with a notice and order asserting a variety of violations (including the dogs qualifying as vicious), assessing \$1700 in penalties, and setting the requirements going forward (such as Mr. Jones microchipping the dogs) for keeping the dogs in King County. Ex. D8. Mr. Jones accepted responsibility, but requested a penalty reduction. Ex. D10.

In our June 21 notice setting yesterday’s hearing, we wrote that:

If Mr. Jones has not already licensed Zeus and Cocoa, he should do so quickly. Similarly, if Mr. Jones has not already microchipped Zeus and Cocoa, he should do so quickly, and provide those microchip numbers to Animal Services.

As of yesterday’s hearing, Mr. Jones had still not done either. Mr. Jones explained that due to his financial situation he did not have the funds to license or microchip them. We understand Mr. Jones’ precarious financial position, but he needs to take action now to avoid compounding the situation. Mr. Jones has two choices.

By **August 25, 2023**, Mr. Jones shall either:

- A. License and microchip Zeus and Cocoa and provide the microchip numbers to Animal Services; OR
- B. Surrender the dogs to Animal Services.

If Mr. Jones successfully completes A. or B. by August 25, we will reduce the penalty to \$200. If not, the full \$1700 will come due. And if the dogs are still not microchipped or licensed after August 25, they are subject to removal from King County.

DATED July 25, 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 *August 24, 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 July 25, 2023.



Lauren Olson
Legislative Secretary

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