

January 5, 2026

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ORDER OF DISMISSAL


SUBJECT: Regional Animal Services of King County file no. **V25017890-A25005491**

MICHAEL LEE AND ELISABETH ROBERTS

Animal Services Enforcement Appeal

Activity no.: A25-005491

Appellant: **Elisabeth Roberts**



King County: Regional Animal Services of King County
represented by **Chelsea Eykel**
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Ms. Roberts submitted an appeal for the Notice of Violation issued to Michael Lee on November 24, 2025. The Notice was for Animal Services' designation of his dog, Marley, as "Dangerous" under KCC 11.04.230.F.

Mr. Lee is Marley's legal owner. The Dangerous Animal Designation was issued exclusively to Mr. Lee and he is responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements and restrictions under KCC 11.04.285. He did not file an appeal of the "Dangerous" dog designation.

In her appeal statement, Ms. Roberts acknowledges that she is not Marley's owner but is "considering being his owner." She was not responsible for Marley on the date of the violation or a witness to the events that led to the dangerous designation. Ms. Roberts is not legally responsible for the fines incurred by Mr. Lee in the Notice. Her involvement is limited to graciously supporting and providing care to Marley after the Notice of Violation was issued.

While Ms. Roberts' actions to take care of Marley are commendable, her involvement is not the type of "legal interest" required to give an individual standing to appeal the Notice of Violation issued to Mr. Lee. Ms. Roberts lacks standing to appeal the Notice of Violation. Pursuant to KCC 20.22.090, lack of standing precludes the Examiner from considering Ms. Roberts' appeal and requires dismissal.

If we have misunderstood the situation, either party may email us a motion for reconsideration explaining why the appeal should not be dismissed. The motion must be received by **January 26, 2026**, or prior to any appeal deadline for judicial review, if applicable. If no motion is received, this Order of Dismissal shall be final and conclusive.

DATED January 5, 2026.



Devon Shannon
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 in accordance with Ch. 7.16 RCW. It is the responsibility of the party seeking to appeal the examiner's decision to determine and meet the legal requirements for filing an appeal.

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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 **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 January 5, 2026.



Jessica Oscoy
Administrator

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Regional Animal Services of King County

Ketchie, Lynda

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Lee, Michael D (Elisabeth Roberts)

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