

Present: C. Blissett, Chair
K. Langille, Member
W. Nunn, Member
S. O'Dwyer, Member

Also Present: K. Novia, Supervisor, By-law and Animal Services
J. Bartlett, Animal Services Officer
H. Oerlemans, Council & Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: J. Herzog-Evans, Member

1. Call to Order

1.1 K. Novia, Supervisor of By-law and Animal Services, addressed the appellants and introduced the Committee. Ms. Novia outlined the authority of the Animal Services Appeal Committee and explained that the Committee has the ability to confirm Orders to Restrain, modify or rescind them.

2. Disclosures of Interest

2.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

3. Appeal Hearing

3.1 Appeal of Order to Restrain a Dog
1-106 Petra Way
Appeal # ASA 21-01

J. Bartlett, Animal Services Officer, provided an overview of what led to the issuance of the Order to Restrain for 1-106 Petra Way. Mr. Bartlett advised that the appellant's dog ran towards the complainant's dog while in the common area of the condo building. He stated that the appellant's dog bit the complainant's dog in the abdomen.

C. Robinson and N. Amato, the appellants, appeared before the Committee. Mr. Robinson advised that he did not dispute the events but felt that the process for handling the complaint and issuance of the

Order to Restrain was one-sided and that the investigation was carried out unjustly. Ms. Amato stated that the dog was inside the condo unit and had slipped out the door at the time of the incident, entering into the common area of the building. She further stated that the incident occurred in the stairwell of the building.

A question and answer period ensued between the Committee, Mr. Robinson, and Ms. Amato regarding:

- whether Ms. Amato witnessed the attack and observed the injuries; and,
- what training the dog had received and whether future training was planned.

Mr. Turkiewicz, the complainant, advised that the appellant's dog had been outside of the condo and off leash prior to entering the common area in the condo building. He further advised that the appellant's dog was coming up the stairwell when the incident occurred.

J. Bartlett provided a final statement requesting that the Order to Restrain be confirmed.

C. Robinson provided a final statement requesting that the Order to Restrain be modified to remove Item 2, the requirement to muzzle.

The Committee excused the complainant, the appellants, K. Novia, and J. Bartlett from the virtual meeting at 3:30 p.m. and reviewed the matter. The complainant, the appellants, K. Novia, and J. Bartlett returned to the virtual meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Recommendation:

Moved By W. Nunn

That the Order to Restrain a Dog for 1-106 Petra Way be modified to remove Item 2.

Carried

4. Adjournment

4.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By K. Langille

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Secretary, Animal Services Appeal
Committee