

Appeal by Brent Irvin and Ying (Molly) Quan
Case Number: RASKC #A23-003981

We are the owners of "Austin", a 2-year old Australian Shepherd and have received a "Notice of Declaration of Potentially Dangerous Dog" dated July 3, 2023.

While it is unfortunate that there was an incident, we do not think a "potentially dangerous dog" designation is warranted and thus are appealing.

Our reasons are as follows:

- 1) Austin is a friendly dog and has never had any issue with other people or dogs. We can provide multiple affidavits to support this, including from our regular and professional dog walker, professional dog trainers, friends and neighbors.
- 2) Austin has developed an issue with the dog in question, but this is not unprovoked nor does he have any "propensity" toward such behavior.
- 3) Our neighbor's dog barks at him constantly, he is just responding. On multiple occasions while on a walk Austin was perfectly happy to ignore the dog in question, but the dog repeatedly barked at him and no effort was made to address this issue by the owner.
- 4) The owner in question also approached our dog walker on several occasions in a somewhat aggressive/excited manner, again creating a generally tense environment.
- 5) We have made repeated attempts to find a way to solve the issue, for example suggesting we let the dogs get to know each other in a more neutral setting. All such attempts have been declined by the owner, and as mentioned no effort has been made to address the barking directed at Austin.

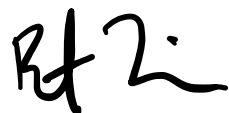
In sum, we have two dogs that don't like each other, but Austin is not a dangerous dog and there are many solutions here. The owner in question has not cooperated, and should not be allowed to abuse the system to have him put to sleep, which based on previous statements appears to be her intended goal.

To err on the side of caution, Austin is currently enrolled in an intensive training "boot camp" in Arizona (with my parents). As with before, we are also open to any sort of attempts to find a solution.

But for these reasons set forth above Austin should not be deemed a potentially dangerous dog and the declaration should be reversed.

We the undersigned attest that to the best of our knowledge, information and belief, the information herein is well grounded in fact.

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