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Appeal of Peter Weiss (owner of Whisky the dog)
Case No:23-004852

08/20/2023

To whom it may concern:

I, Peter Weiss, am writing this letter to appeal the potential declaration in question of Whisky being labeled a "potentially dangerous dog." Since we welcomed Whisky into our home about a year and a half ago, he has brought nothing but joy, love, and spirit to our family. Since his days as a puppy he has always been good with little children, adults, and other animals of all sizes. At the beginning of summer 2023, our family moved houses and Whisky was moved from the only neighborhood he'd ever known. Moving is an adjustment for everyone, including our dogs.

I am appealing the classification of labeling Whisky as a potentially dangerous dog because the actions in question don't match the description of a dangerous dog. Based on the statement given by Amazon's representative, there were some aspects of the statement that are not consistent with the accounts documented on the "Notice Of Declaration Of Potentially Dangerous Dog". For example, the statement claims that the driver was approached by Whisky when in reality, Whisky was barking as a reaction to the strange man approaching him on his property. Whisky reacted as any dog, or even human would, by reacting to the presence of someone unknown on the property. Out of reaction to this barking, the delivery man was spooked and acted in a frantic manner that Whisky viewed as dangerous to himself, his home, and his family. The man tossed the box at Whisky's direction and ran away causing Whisky to react as he was bred to do: heard. Additionally, the statement claims that "the dog then bit them on the buttocks causing injury," which is inconsistent with what the Amazon representative told me on the phone, which was that the driver was not hurt and merely had a scratch on his hand..

Whisky's reaction to a strange encounter at his home was only natural given the fact that this is a new neighborhood, a unknown individual approached him in a frantic way, and threw a mysterious item at him. Labeling Whisky as potentially dangerous is not only inaccurate, but it is shaming him for acting on his natural instincts. I apologize if Whisky's bark frightened the delivery driver; however, approaching an animal in their home in a frantic manner comes off as aggressive, violating, and scary for the dog. Given these facts, it is only natural for Whisky to respond by barking at the potential threat, and herding the driver as he ran away. In all of Whisky's life, we have never had anyone classify him as aggressive. People come in and out of the house frequently, and at first he barks to alert me. After the initial bar, Whisky approaches the person with a wagging tail and kisses. Whisky is even welcome at many of our friend's homes because of how calm, sweet, and loving he is towards others, and how well he interacts with small children. I would also be happy to provide a list upon request of others outside of the household who can speak on Whisky's attitude, demeanor, and actions towards others. If any more information is needed to confirm this classification be appealed, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at (818) 422-4809 or by email at weisspeter1@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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