

Appeal of Christopher Judd

January 18, 2024

I am the owner of Buster Judd; he is 5 year old male German Shephard dog. This appeal is in regard to case number A23-007205 and an incident that took place on 12-25-23.

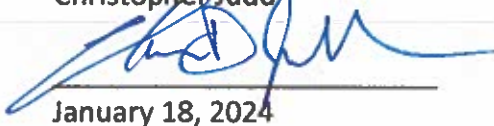
I am appealing the finding that Buster is dangerous dog. I would like to explain the situation and why this occurred. It's my belief this was not a normal situation and in the future would not occur. It is also my contention that Buster was provoked but then as the owner I should have had Buster on his leash or restrained before an unknown person approached me.

My issue is with Buster being labelled as a dangerous dog. I have had a private trainer for the last 6 months once he came into my possession. Buster came to me a year ago from my daughter who had a problem child birth and could not manage both the dog and the new born. In the 4 years that Amy had Buster she never had an aggressive incident with Buster.

As Buster is a big dog and potentially protective I hired a local trainer that specializes in large breed dogs. The goal with Nicky his trainer was to assist with him and make sure he could be managed and coexist with other people and dogs. To date that has worked exceedingly well. Buster has been able to exist off leash in parks, and in mixed environments of people, kids and other dogs without incident. At this point I won't have him off leash but now better understand how he could be provoked.

I do hereby certify that the information provided is to the best of my knowledge, information, belief and grounded in fact.

Christopher Judd



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