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### Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** Appeal of Bridget Ow from the decision of the Animal Control Division regarding two vicious animals.

### SUMMARY

Attached is the appeal of Bridget Ow from the decision of the Animal Control Division, as required by Section 6.104 of the Sacramento City Code.

### BACKGROUND

Under Sections 2.323 and 2.324 of the City Code, the Council may appoint a hearing examiner to hear the appeal if it finds that "the appeal may involve a lengthy factfinding process which would be more appropriately accommodated by a formal hearing before a hearing examiner."

### FINANCIAL DATA

The estimated cost would be \$100.00 and would be available from the Animal Control Division budget.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. If the Council should decide to appoint a hearing examiner, it is recommended that the following motion be adopted: "The Council hereby determines pursuant to Section 2.324, City

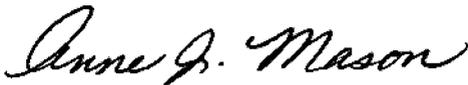
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Code, that this appeal will involve a lengthy factfinding process which will be more appropriately accommodated by a formal hearing before a hearing examiner". Therefore, the Council appoints Barry Martin as Hearing Examiner to hear the appeal on Thursday, April 25, 1985 at the hour of 9:00 A.M. at McGeorge School of Law, 3287 Fifth Avenue, Sacramento, California.

- 2. If the Council should decide to consider the appeal itself, it is recommended that the hearing be set for April 30, 1985.

Respectfully submitted,

LORRAINE MAGANA  
CITY CLERK

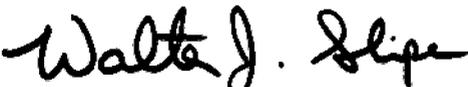


Anne J. Mason  
Assistant City Clerk

LM/AJM/dah  
Attachment

cc: Barry Martin, Hearing Examiner  
Bridget Ow, Appellant  
Animal Control

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



Walter J. Slife  
City Manager

April 16, 1985  
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NOTICE OF APPEAL CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
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DATE: April 4, 1985

Pursuant to Section 2.320, City Code, I wish to appeal the decision made by  
Animal Control Chief Ruben Mora made on March 27, 1985  
regarding destruction of two Doberman Pinschers belonging to Bridget Ow, because  
they were deemed vicious and a danger to the general public

as required by section 6-104(b) and (c), City Code.

My reason for appealing is as follows: SEE ATTACHED

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PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: BRIDGET OW

ADDRESS: 5701 13th Avenue

CITY: Sacramento STATE: CA ZIP CODE: 95820

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (916)-455-6827

James J. Kaufman, Esq.  
Kaufman and Lehrman  
1029 K Street, Suite 25  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 443-5918

  
SIGNATURE  
JAMES J. KAUFMAN, Attorney for appellant

REASONS FOR APPEAL

Sections 6-105(b) and (c) of City Ordinances #83-031 and #3211, or sections 6-105(b) and (c) of the Animal Control Law, Chapter Six of the City Code, all provide viable alternatives to the authorities for controlling a vicious animal and protecting the general public, without requiring destruction of the animal at the outset.

Realizing that there have been several alleged reports of attacks on humans by the two Dobermans, it is our contention that the Animal Control Chief's decision to destroy both dogs is arbitrary and capricious, and has not allowed appellant an opportunity, as owner, to gather evidence to try to disprove the alleged charges. It is our contention that the two (2) dogs are not vicious and are not a danger to the public, and we appeal to the City Council to release the two (2) dogs to the owner Bridget Ow immediately.

We intend to show by convincing and overwhelming evidence that the dogs are not vicious, are not a danger to society in general, and that the alleged "attacks" are gross exaggerations based on assumptions and misinformation. The female dog "Tasha" had never been reported or accused of any vicious activity and the male dog "Fook" was reported to be involved in only one minor incident prior to this one which could be characterized as an "attack". Affidavits of neighbors, the dog's veterinarian and others (attached as Exhibits 1-16) will attest to the dogs' good temperment and friendly disposition.

In the one prior reported case, the dog was provoked and in the other incidents cited, the dogs involved were not either of appellant's Dobermans. In addition, in the this incident where an alleged bite occurred, only one bite was reported and there were two or more dogs involved according to witnesses. There is no reason why both dogs should be incarcerated for one alleged bite.

Addressing the charges in chronological order, appellant would like to begin by noting that the April 1984 incidents involving Diane Freeman and Erin and Allison Foster occurred two months before appellant acquired Tasha, the female dog. (Appellant obtained the dog in June, 1984). The April 1984 incidents apparently involved two completely different dogs, and therefore should not be considered as evidence of a vicious nature as to appellant's animals.

The second set of incidents involving Mr. and Mrs. Warren Moffat and Christopher Tippets can also be explained and should not be considered as evidence of vicious temperament in the animals (see Declaration attached as Exhibit 1). Both Mr. and Mrs. Moffat have stated that they do not want the dogs to be destroyed; that they are merely afraid of dogs in general, and would be satisfied if appellant constructed a better fence around her yard. (A new fence is already under construction.) As for Christopher Tippets, appellant denies the allegation as being completely untrue, (see Declaration attached as Exhibit 2). Christopher's father, David Tippits, has also stated that

his son was never chased or attacked by appellant's dogs and will testify to those facts.

The third incident involving Frances Pullen on July 18, 1984, involved only the male dog, who became confused and upset when he saw Mrs. Pullen standing in front of appellant's house when appellant's neighbor was running to help her crying child. (The child had just fallen or hurt herself in some way while playing.) The male dog "Fook" then followed the neighbor to "protect" her and the child from what he thought was an unfriendly stranger. Again, the female, Tasha, was not involved in the situation; therefore, this allegation is completely untrue as to her and should be inapplicable as evidence of her disposition. In this situation the Animal Control Board and Mrs. Pullen obviously did not render the situation serious enough for any further action.

The fourth allegation concerning an allegedly unprovoked attack on Raymond Castin and Mrs. Sydney Charles on March 14, 1985, is untrue and without basis (see Declaration attached as Exhibit 3) -- there were no reports to appellant of any such behavior by her dogs, and Mrs. Charles will so testify at the hearing. Therefore, appellant contends that this charge is not valid evidence of alleged vicious tendencies in her dogs.

The fifth and final charge concerns an allegedly unprovoked attack on a Ms. Bonnie Parker and her daughter. Witnesses to the incident have stated that Fook and Tasha were provoked by another dog and were beginning to chase it when Ms. Parker and

her daughter approached; only one dog then snapped at Ms. Parker and Ms. Parker stated to witnesses that she did not remember which dog snapped at her. Ms. Parker's daughter was not attacked by the dogs. At this time appellant has not received any medical reports, etc. on Ms. Parker's alleged bite injury, and as far as appellant knows, the "bite" Ms. Parker received did not even break the skin. Therefore, based on the above facts, we contend that this incident was not an "unprovoked attack" situation, and that the dogs were reacting normally to a perceived "threat" to their environment -- another dog. Ms. Parker has a subconscious fear of Dobermans because of a previous incident with Dobermans and therefore very likely has exaggerated the present incident.

As a fair and desirable solution to this problem, appellant proposes that both dogs be returned to appellant and allowed to live in confinement according to one or more of the regulations contained in Section 6-105(b) and (c) of the Animal Control Law.

Keeping the animals confined in an approved enclosure on the premises, leashing and/or muzzling them when taking them out in public, and requesting all city/county officials, the postmaster, utility companies, etc. to notify their employees of the animal's history and possible dangerous nature should take care of the problem. Any other conditions for return imposed by the Animal Control Chief would also be met gladly, including posting of the \$10,000 bond or insurance policy.

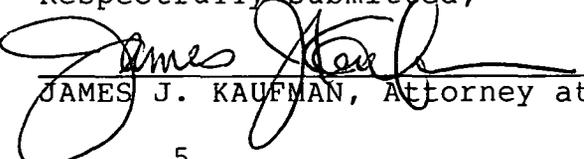
Further impoundment of the dogs until their behavior has

been approved as normal by a licensed veterinarian (see Declaration attached as Exhibit 4) would also be an acceptable alternative to destroying them, and appellant believes that further observation of the dogs by Animal Control Officials while in the custody of a licensed veterinarian will bear out our contention that they are not vicious, not a threat to society in general, and should be returned home to their owner.

At present, appellant is very concerned about the health and welfare of the dogs while they are being held by the Animal Control authorities. The "kennel-type" environment of the detention center is very detrimental to Fook and Tasha's physical and "emotional" well-being, as they need to be with someone who will give them a little affection, exercise, etc. as well as seeing to their basic physical needs.

We would like to request that both dogs be transferred to the care and supervision of a veterinarian pending determination of this appeal, so that we may be sure they are receiving proper care and treatment. Appellant proposes that Dr. Hunter, or or Dr. Warehine, as stated in their Declarations attached as Exhibits 4, take over as supervising veterinarian. Both doctors have agreed to board the dogs at their facility pending the outcome of this action, and we contend that the dogs will be much better off under his supervision and care than they are now under the care of City Animal Control.

DATED: 4/4/85

Respectfully submitted,  
  
JAMES J. KAUFMAN, Attorney at Law

April 4, 1985

To Whom It May Concern:

We, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Moffat of 3669 57th Street, Sacto., Ca. We have no problem with the two dobermans of 5701 13th Ave. returning home if certain restrictions are placed on them. The fence reinforced and musseled.

We do not want to see them destroyed.

Our incident with them scared us, but they did not attack us.

Sincerely,

Mrs Abbie Moffat  
Warren Moffat

(OVER)

Under penalty of  
perjury we hereby  
swear the above statement  
to be true.

4-3-85

Mrs Abbie Moffat  
Warren Moffat

I, David Tippets of  
3668 57th Street, Sacto.,  
Ca. do not want the  
two dobermans of  
5701 13th Avenue put  
to sleep.

They did not attack  
my son, Christopher.

I under penalty of  
perjury do hereby swear  
the above statement  
to be true.

April 2, 1985

David Tippets  
Martha Tippets

On March 14, 1985 Raymond Castain and I (Sydney Charles) were walking back from the store between 4 pm and 5:30 pm. When we came out of the alleyway (next to All Hallows Parish) we saw 3 dogs (2 dobermans & 1 smaller dog) rounding the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> St and 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. When we reached the front of the building the dogs ran up to us like they (the dogs) were going to attack. I was very scared. Raymond handed me the grocery bag and picked up a stick he growled at the dog (the bigger doberman). The dog barked and growled at Raymond and started to lunge at me when Raymond yelled at the dog to STOP! GO AWAY! The dog ran across the street with the other 2 dogs to 5701 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. I was very upset and concerned not only for myself and other adult residents of this neighborhood but for

the school children (at All  
Hallows School). The next  
( day Bonnie Parkette came  
to our house at 5501 13<sup>th</sup> Ave  
and asked about our experience  
with the dogs. She showed me  
where the dog bit her. She  
asked me to testify against  
the dogs and I agreed because  
in light of both of our experiences  
I felt the dogs ~~were~~ were  
a danger to the Community.

I do not want revenge  
against either the dogs or  
~~the~~ the owners of the  
dogs. I simply want a  
Safe Community. If the  
owners can ~~guarantee~~ guarantee  
that the dogs can not and  
will not get out and terrorize  
this neighborhood I do not  
want the dogs to die. I  
think it would be overreacting  
and inhumane.

Syds Charles  
April 2, 1985

Under penalty of perjury  
I hereby swear this  
above statement to be  
true

By: Charles

MCINTYRE VETERINARY SERVICES, INC.  
1983 JUNIPERO SERRA BLVD.  
DALY CITY, CALIF. 94014  
TELEPHONE 755-0969

April 3, 1985

To Whom It May Concern:

This clinic is willing to board Fook, and Joshua or either one of them for purpose of observation or confinement if deemed helpful by the parties involved in the incident and investigation in Sacramento, as we have boarded Fook here and treated him here many times.

D.R. Warehime Jr. DVM.

EXHIBIT 4-a

MCINTYRE VETERINARY SERVICES, INC.  
1983 JUNIPERO SERRA BLVD.  
DALY CITY, CALIF. 94014  
TELEPHONE 755-0969

April 3, 1985

To Whom It May Concern:

In my note regarding Fook's personality I wrote that he belonged to Mr. Allen Master, since he was the person who we saw with Fook most when he has boarded here or being examined by us. To clarify this, I am aware this is the same Fook who actually belongs to Mrs. Bridget O'W. Her name is on our most recent records but Mr. Master's name is on the area designated for the owner, since we dealt with him.

O. R. Warehime, Jr. DVM.

EXHIBIT 4B

MCINTYRE VETERINARY SERVICES, INC.  
1983 JUNIPERO SERRA BLVD.  
DALY CITY, CALIF. 94014  
TELEPHONE 755-0969

March 30, 1985

James Kaufman, Attorney at Law  
1029 K Street  
Suite 25  
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Sirs:

I, O.R. Warehime Jr., DVM, a veterinarian licensed to practice in California for nearly eleven years, have seen Fook, a black Doberman belonging to Mr. Allen Master since January, 1983. He has always been docile and even friendly with everyone at this clinic. I am considered by some to be extra cautious by muzzling with gauze any dog who looks or acts "spooky". I have never considered doing so with Fook and have never hesitated to work on him by myself with nobody restraining him.

I have no reason to suspect he might be a dog dangerous to society.

I declare the foregoing to be true under penalty of perjury.

O.R. Warehime, Jr., DVM.

*O. R. Warehime, Jr. DVM.*  
*March 30, 1985*



McIntyre Veterinary Service Inc.

O.R. WAREHIME, DVM

1983 JUNIPERO SERRA BLVD.  
DALY CITY, CALIFORNIA 94014

PHONE  
755-0969

JAMES J. KAUFMAN

EXHIBIT 4c

SACRAMENTO ANIMAL HOSPITAL  
5701 H STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95819  
PHONE 451-7213

4/1/85

The Sacramento Animal Hospital saw Tasha on 10/29/84 for spaying and was seen again on 11/8/84 for suture removal. To our knowledge this animal showed no signs of aggression or vicious tendencies while in our hospital for treatment.



R.B. Meyers, D.V.M.

Sacramento Animal Hospital

SACRAMENTO ANIMAL HOSPITAL  
5701 H STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95819  
PHONE 451-7213

EXHIBIT 4d-1

NEUTERING CERTIFICATE

OWNER Bridgett Ow PHONE 455-6827  
ADDRESS 5701 13th Ave Sac, CA. 95820  
SPECIES K-9 BREED Dobie SEX female  
NAME Tasha COLOR blk/tan AGE born 1981

This is to certify that I have performed:

OVARIOHYSTERECTOMY  CASTRATION  DEVICING

VASECTOMY  OTHER on the animal described.

VETERINARIAN H.F. Meyers LICENSE # 1551

SACRAMENTO ANIMAL HOSPITAL  
5701 H Street  
Sacramento, California 95819  
451-7213

DATE 10/29/84

EXHIBIT 4-d-2

April 3, 1985

To Whom It May Concern:

I, the undersigned, Alan Master residing at 515 Pierce Street, Apt. 4, San Francisco, have known the two Dobermans, a male (Ow Fook, since three months old and the female (Tasha) since June 1984. They have stayed with me in my two room apartment a number of times with my daughter and three cats. At no time or under any circumstances have I ever considered them vicious or dangerous. I have left my ten year old daughter alone with them and has taken them for walks, one or the other, and has never had a problem. I, myself was afraid of dobermans until I helped raise these two and have found them to be loyal and protective, but never vicious. I come to visit Bridget Ow on the weekends and feel much better knowing the dogs are there, because there have been a number of violent incidents, and break ins, in and around the neighborhood.

Under penalty of perjury I swear the above statement to be true.

Sincerely,



Alan Master

(415) 626-1485

EXHIBIT 5

April 3, 1985

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Pam Rozenski, residing at 5701 13th Avenue, Sacramento, Calif., am writing this letter in behalf of Ow Fook and Tasha.

I have been living with these two dogs for approximately the past four months. I do not in anyway feel these dogs are vicious nor do they show any vicious tendencies. They are very loveable animals and since they have been at the City Animal Control, under what I consider very unsuitable conditions for any animal to be caged with no exercise or fresh air. I have in fact visited these two dogs daily to hand feed, brush, bring fresh blankets and love. Even under these adverse conditions, these two dogs have been nothing but loving and respectful with me.

I know these two dogs would not attack anyone without provocation. I have seen them in numerous situations with children and adults and they have NEVER chased or attacked.

I have know their owner, Bridget Ow and her daughter April Ow for approximately 16 months. Bridget is a very responsible person and provides these two dogs with so much love and attention. I know Bridget and April have felt very unsafe not having them at home and they miss them more than words can express. I know Ms. Ow will meet any conditions you set in order to bring Ow Fook and Tasha home where they belong. I truely hope you will find them not vicious and will not destroy two dogs because most people have a fear of a breed (Dobermans).

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby swear the above statement to be true.

Sincerely,

*Pam Rozenski*

Pam Rozenski  
5701 13th Avenue  
Sacramento, CA. 95820  
(916) 455-6827

UNIT 6

April, 1985

I Patrick Caughlin am aware that the dogs of Bridgett Ow are in custody and are pending death. I know that these animals are not vicious. The dogs Tosha Ow and Ow Fook are not wandering or not taken care of and I feel that I must act as a character reference as these dogs are not able to speak for themselves. Tosha and Ow Fook deserve to live, therefore I am signing this in conciousness, hoping that their lives may be saved.

Under Penalty of Purgery, I here by sware that these statements are true.

Patrick R. Caughlin

Name: Patrick Caughlin  
Date: 3 Apr 1985  
Adress: 5400 7th Ave  
City, State, Zip: San Diego CA 95820  
Phone number: 619 455 5155

Further:

I have two daughters ages 4yrs & 1yr's, and have allowed them to freely play with the dogs. I have every confidence to have the courts respect her human life.

Patrick Caughlin B.S.  
Arcent & Mechanic APP

Tuesday April 02, 1985

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter in attempt to save the life of 2 dogs which I have known for some time. The dogs, Ow Took, which I have known since he was 3 months old, and Tasha Ow, which I have known since June of 1984, are being sentenced to an unjust death. Since they cannot express their defense, I feel I must write this letter to act as if on their behalf. These dogs are not vicious uncontrollable animals but are my friends. They have never been vicious, nor mistreated. If these dogs need a character reference, surely they have me to stand as such.

Under penalty of perjury, I here by swear that these statements are true.

signed

Brad J. Martin

595 RIVERSIDE BLVD. #107

SACTO CA 95831

916) 395-1965

WK) 442-2684

EXHIBIT

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Under penalty of perjury, I hereby swear that these  
statements are true.

April 2, 1985

As housekeeper, housesitter, child siter and dogsitter  
for Ms. Bridget Ows, residing at 5701-13th Avenue,  
I find it extremely difficult to understand that  
Ms. Ows two animals, Ows Fook & Tosha, will be  
put to sleep.

I also find hard to comprehend that these two  
animals have been deemed vicious or even  
sattacked others, without provocation, since on more  
than several occasions (between 1984 thru  
1985) I entered on my own accord, this same  
residence and grounds, without any problems.

Please enter my plea to appeal the determination  
of this action.

Barbara J. Poy

So whom It may Concern,  
I, April Ow, of 5701 13<sup>th</sup> Ave, Sacra-  
mento, California, disagree with your  
statement claiming DuFock and  
Tasha vicious. I live in the same  
house with them I have had first-  
hand experiences and in no way find  
them vicious. I have walked, fed, + played  
with these "vicious" animals and  
they have never bit or attacked me.  
Actually these dogs are very lovable  
and even like to sleep with me at  
night. I am thirteen years old + live  
with these so-called "vicious" animals.  
These dogs are very protective but  
they have a humanistic quality that  
makes me love them all the more.  
I miss my dogs + the comfort of  
~~the~~ knowing that their here to protect  
me. I saw on the news that they  
let a murderer out of jail that didn't  
want to be set free, yet you'll kill  
my dogs over something I consider  
minor. I attend All Hallows school,  
where Mrs. Bonnie Parker is a yard  
duty teacher. The day after the incident  
~~happ~~ occurred, she was back at work  
with no apparent injury on her  
hear.

I also saw that a child molester was set free on the streets, to molest more children. As you should have seen already, <sup>realized</sup> these dogs play a big role in my life. I would do anything to get them back.

Also I don't think that the conditions my dogs have to live in while in care of the Animal Shelter are fitting. No fresh air, no exercise, none of the love and attention that they are used to. The only connection with home they receive is the daily visits from Pamela Rozenski in which she ~~brings~~ brings fresh food + blankets from home. My mother + I care a lot for these dogs, and would be crushed to have them killed. I hope you will take my letter into consideration.

I, under the penalty of perjury, do hereby swear the above statement to be true.

April 3, 1985

Sincerely,  
April Ow  
April Ow.

April 3, 1985

To, whom it may concern,

I, Angel Heath of 2264 Belvedere Ave, San Leandro CA, dont understand why Ow-Fook and tasha should be put to sleep for no reason.

You call them "vicious" but I dont. The first night I came to visit my aunt Bridget, the dogs adjusted to me the second I walked in the front door.

I'm 12 and small for my age. I oftened played with ow-fook and tasha and walked them with no problems. IF ow-fook + tasha were "vicious" they would not have been as careful as they were with me while we were playing.

Ow-Fook has an usual talent of smiling. It looks like he is getting ready to bite but he is actually smiling. Since owfook has been taken away from us, He no longer smiles because he misses Bridget and the people he loves.

I, under the penalty of perjury, do hereby swear the above statement to be true.

Angel Heath  
Angel Heath

EXHIBIT 11

TO: SACRAMENTO COUNTY, SPCA

RE: FOOK AND TASHA OW

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN ;

THIS IS TO VERIFY THAT I MARIA LOPEZ-KIRK AND MY HUSBAND JACQUES H. KIRK OF 2024 ORTEGA, SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94122,...

WE HAVE KNOWN FOOK OW SINCE HE WAS A TINY PUPPY AND HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN HIM TO BE A HOUSE PET, VERY WELL BEHAVED AND WELL NATURED. WE KNOW THAT BOTH FOOK AND TASHA OW ARE DOGGIES WELL LOVED AND CARED FOR BY BRIDGET OW, WHOM WE KNOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER.

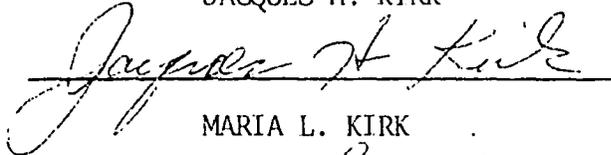
THESE POOR DEFENSELESS ANIMALS ARE NOT VICIOUS, THEY ARE FULL OF LOVE AND ARE TREATED LIKE FAMILY MEMBERS.

WE ALSO OWN TWO DOGS OF SIMILAR SIZE AND ALSO TWO CATS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE COMPANY OF FOOK AND TASHA OW AND THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY MISCONTUCT BETWEEN THEM.

MS. OW'S "DOBIES" ARE FAITHFULL AND EFFECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY IN HELPING KEEP THE AREA SECURE FROM CRIMES AND A HOODLUM TYPES.

RESPECTFULLY ;

JACQUES H. KIRK



MARIA L. KIRK



APRIL 2, 1985

EXHIBIT 12

April 2, 1985

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is for the benefit of two dobermans named Owfook and Tasha.

I have had personal contact with these dogs when they visit my neighbor; and they have never made me feel threatened nor appeared vicious.

I hope you will give Owfook and Tasha another chance. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Hali J. Winston*

Hali J. Winston  
515 Pierce, #2  
San Francisco  
(415) 552-9745

1020 Piedmont Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95822  
April 3, 1985

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I understand there is a question that has arisen as to the proper care and management of dogs owned by the occupants of a home at 5701 13th Avenue in Sacramento. I am not acquainted with these occupants, but do park in front of their home on the average of four times per week when I visit my grandchildren in an adjoining home. I have had many opportunities to observe anything of a disrupting nature in and around this house and yard. It has always appeared to me to be extremely well kept up and orderly. In fact, I was totally unaware that animals were kept in the yard. There was never a sound nor smell to indicate otherwise.

I respectfully request that my observations be considered in deciding the matter in question.

Sincerely,

*Patricia A. Payne*  
Patricia A. Payne

EXHIBIT 14

April 4, 1985

Myself and my family live across the street at 5681 13TH Avenue from the dogs in question. We have three children ages 6 yrs, 2 yrs. and 6 months old. We have never had any problems with the dogs. We have never seen them out loose in the neighborhood or had problems with them barking. We have lived here for a little more than a year.

Under the penalty of perjury I do hereby swear that the above statement is true.

April 4, 1985

4-4-85

Lisa F. Azeltine

Marc Azeltine

5681 13TH AVENUE

SACRAMENTO, CA 95820

452-9644

Very truly yours,  
Shelley Becker

It is my opinion that Mr. Knight  
is a conscientious dog owner.

I am writing in the support of  
the occupant of the home at 5701 - 13th  
Avenue. I am not personally acquainted  
with the occupant, but living in such  
close proximity I have had ample  
opportunity to view the house and yard  
daily. Having a common fence and  
yard, I have observed that the grounds  
have been extremely well maintained  
by the occupant and that the dogs  
are kept in a fenced backyard.  
I have never felt threatened by  
the presence of the dog on the  
property.

To Whom It May Concern:

April 2, 1985

3750-58th Street  
Sacramento, Ca 95820