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**FORMAL REQUEST FOR APPEAL:  
MENACING DOG CLASSIFICATION :1034725**

**DENESE KONOWE  
12 JACOB STREET  
BROOKFIELD**

This appeal request is being filed in regards to a January 18 mailbox drop by Chardon Daley and following a subsequent phone conversation with Chardon, and Brent Lincoln.

It is my understanding that by requesting this appeal and by taking additional actions described below, that during the appeal period, we will not be subject to any imposition of fines, nor any removal of our dog from our home.

During this period, as has been our practice "Fi" will be under lead at all times, when not on our property and has no access to public places when not on lead. We are also taking specific steps to advance a long-term training paradigm with Fi with regard to existing farm/breed appropriate "Operant Conditioning".

Fi is voice trained and will respond to verbal commands, including "Stop" and "Come" as required.

Additionally, we are seeking the vet's record on "Fi" to demonstrate that she was desexed previously, as required. We have supplied this record to you via an email from the Vet's office.

Basis For Appeal:

Dr. Konowe (Fi's owner in addition to Denese Konowe) holds a Ph.D. degree in "Learning Theory & Applications"; was the Department Chairperson at Pace University, NYC; and had responsibility for all scientific studies involving animal as subjects and behavioural learning patterns. His existing qualifications would certainly support his being qualified as a professional trainer/behaviourist.

As has been explained to Chardon when she made her site visit, Fi is now approximately six years old (3+ years in our home) and this the first instance reported.

Using a muzzle on a Border Collie can have a number of negative outcomes, including:

1. Restricting the dog's ability to pant and drink water, which can lead to overheating and dehydration.
2. Preventing the dog from performing natural behaviours such as herding, which can lead to behavioural issues.
3. Giving the impression to other people that the dog is dangerous, which can lead to fear and mistrust.
4. Creating a negative association with the muzzle in the dog's mind, which can make it difficult to train the dog in the future.
5. Creating an opportunity for the dog to be harmed if it is able to remove the muzzle or if it gets caught on something.
6. It can also have negative impact on the dog's physical and mental health by causing stress and anxiety.

It is important to understand that muzzling a dog should only be used as a last resort and only under the guidance and supervision of a professional trainer or behaviourist.

It is much better to address the root cause of the behaviour and train the dog to behave well.

NOTE:

Complete documentation and additional submissions, will be provided at the Objection Hearing and we may seek legal representation as well.

We have unilaterally begun retraining with positive reinforcement and an ultrasonic beeper and will introduce negative reinforcement (see below) if it proves necessary.





Can a high frequency beeper be used in training dog behaviour?

High frequency beepers, also known as ultrasonic or silent dog whistles, can be used in training dogs to help them understand specific commands or behaviours. These beepers emit a high-frequency sound that is inaudible to humans but can be heard by dogs. The sound of the beeper can be used as a marker or cue for the dog, to indicate that they have performed the desired behaviour correctly.

For example, a trainer can use a high-frequency beeper to signal to a dog that they have performed a specific behaviour correctly, such as sitting or coming when called. The dog will learn to associate the sound of the beeper with the desired behaviour, and will eventually respond to the command without the need for the beeper.

It is important to note that high-frequency beepers should be used in conjunction with positive reinforcement training and not as a standalone tool. It is also important to get professional guidance and supervision before using any tools like this.

END OF SUBMISSION: