



Vicious and Dangerous Dogs

Hearing Officer

STATEMENT OF DECISION AND EUTHANASIA ORDER

August 22, 2024

Lieutenant Stephanie Ryer
Department of Animal Care & Control
1419 Bryant Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: *Max* (A484139)

Dear Lieutenant Ryer,

On August 6, 2024, a Vicious and Dangerous Dog Hearing was held in Room 408 at San Francisco City Hall. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a Husky/Labrador mixed dog, identified by Animal Care and Control (ACC) as “Max” (A484139), owned by Yolanda Mejia Vasquez (Mejia) and Fredy Gomez Perez (Gomez), meets the “vicious and dangerous” criteria set forth in Article I, Section 42(a) of the San Francisco Health Code. The record was left open until August 7, 2024, to allow Mejia the opportunity to submit Max’s rabies vaccination records. The record was closed on August 7, 2024, after the records were submitted demonstrating that the dog was up to date on his rabies vaccinations when both incidents that are the subject of this hearing occurred.

This hearing was audio-recorded. The audio recording is part of the administrative record and is maintained by the San Francisco Police Department’s Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit (SFPD VDDU) located in San Francisco, California.

All interested parties had the opportunity to testify at the hearing and to present documentary evidence, photographs, and videos. All testimony and documentary evidence were carefully considered and incorporated in the within *Statement of Decision*. Both the ACC and the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) made a recommendation as to the matter on the record.

The above-referenced hearing was calendared at the request of the complaining witnesses, Claire Wang and Florent Bekerman, the parents of the three-year-old boy who was attacked and bitten, as well as SFPD.

EVIDENCE

The evidence from the SFPD’s file was thoroughly reviewed and considered in this matter. The file was submitted as evidence by Officer Greg Sutherland (#2404) of the SFPD VDDU and supplemented by the hearing participants. The records the undersigned reviewed and considered in issuing this Decision are as follows:

- Ex. 1: SFPD VDDU Complaint submitted by SFPD
- Ex. 2: SFPD VDDU Complaint submitted by Claire Wang and Florent Bekerman dated June 12, 2024

- Ex. 3: Animal Care and Control Documents
- Bite Report no. B24-014348
 - Bite Report no. B23-013503
 - Tag Records for Yolanda Mejia
 - Memos for Animal A#484139
- Ex. 4: SFPD Incident Report No. 240323997 with photograph and Animal Bite Report
- Ex. 5: Photographs of Injury and Screenshots from NextDoor Post depicting Max's owners
- Ex. 6: SFPD Chronological Report by Officer Sutherland #2404
- Ex. 7: Nine (9) Videos: Seven (7) from the May 22, 2024, incident and two from May 13, 2023 incident (one of the two is a duplicate).
- Ex. 8: Notice of Hearing to Yolanda Mejia dated July 9, 2024, with SFPD Case File, SF Health Code sections 42 to 42.5, and personal proof of service
- Ex. 9: Notice of Hearing to Fredy Gomez Perez dated July 9, 2024, with SFPD Case File, SF Health Code sections 42 to 42.5, and personal proof of service
- Ex. 10: Notice of Hearing to Claire Wang dated July 9, 2024
- Ex. 11: Notice of Hearing to Florent Bekerman dated July 9, 2024
- Ex. 12: Notice of Hearing to Sarah Cziska dated July 9, 2024
- Ex. 13: Notice of Hearing to Jomai DeHaven dated July 9, 2024
- Ex. 14: Eight (8) photograph's of injuries sustained by DeHaven's dog submitted at hearing
- Ex. 15: Max's SF SPCA Rabies Vaccination Certificate submitted by Mejia showing Max received a three-year rabies vaccination on November 25, 2022. Next vaccination due on November 24, 2025

San Francisco Police Department Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit's Complaint

On June 12, 2024, the complainants, Claire Wang and Florent Bekerman, lodged a complaint with SFPD VDDU. (Ex. 2.) They reported that on May 22, 2024, at 5:05pm, their three-year-old son was attacked and severely injured by a large white Husky mixed dog near his preschool in the Marina District. Specifically, they alleged that the dog's owners were dining in the outdoor seating area of Pizzeria Avellino with their dog unleashed. When their son ran toward their nanny's car, the dog suddenly chased him, pinned the child to the ground, and bit his left arm. The complainants further reported that the dog's attack resulted in a deep wound and several small cuts that resulted in significant blood loss and left their child screaming in pain. They further alleged that the dog's owners informed the nanny they did not speak English and walked away without providing personal or vaccination information and that after the incident, they went back to their table and finished their beers.

The child required emergency medical treatment including four painful rabies shots and three immunoglobulin prophylaxis around the wounds and was reportedly deeply traumatized by the incident. The complainants also expressed concern for public safety because the dog has prior instances of aggression.

SFPD VDDU also submitted an undated request for a hearing based on the May 22, 2024, incident. (Ex. 1)

San Francisco Police Department Incident Report No. 240323997

On May 23, 2024, the day after the incident, Claire Wang reported the incident at Northern Station. SFPD Public Service Aide, Anthony Wong (4798), authored the report. (Ex. 4.) Wang said that on May 22, 2024, at approximately 5:05pm, her nanny, Sarah Cziska, left Little Bee Preschool with their three-year-old son and walked westbound on Lombard Street and then turned left onto southbound Lyon Street. As Cziska and the child walked past the outdoor dining area of Pizzeria Avellino, an unleashed white Husky/German Shepherd mixed dog ran from the dining area toward the child, bit the child on the upper left arm and caused the child to fall to the ground. Wang stated that the child sustained deep bites and bleeding to the upper left arm. Cziska brought the child home and Wang took her child to Kaiser Emergency Room for medical treatment. Wang stated that the boy received five (5) stitches to the upper arm.

No suspect information was provided. Wang reported that she was able to obtain six security videos from 2769 Lombard Street in hopes of identifying the dog's owners which were booked into evidence. PSA Wong noted that one of the video clips depicted the entirety of the dog attack. Wang also submitted a photograph of the child's bite wound which was also booked.

PSA Wang then forwarded the report and evidence to SFPD VDDU.

Video clips regarding the May 22, 2024, dog bite

The footage the complainants obtained is summarized below.

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This video clip depicted Lyon Street and begun when the child and nanny, Sarah Cziska, turned left from westbound Lombard Street onto southbound Lyon Street. Max's owners, Gomez and Mejia, were seated in Pizzeria Avellino's outside dining area, at a table furthest from the restaurant, on the corner of Lombard and Lyon Streets. The dog Max was seated on the ground next to the table where Gomez and Mejia sat. When Cziska and the child turned onto Lyon Street, Cziska was a few feet ahead of the child. The child then ran to catch up with Cziska. When the child got closer to Cziska, the dog turned its head, stood up, and ran out of the dining area towards the child. The dog then bit the child from behind. Gomez and Mejia stood up from the table. The dog then took the child down to the ground. As Cziska approached the child, the dog released him and moved away. The dog then circled around the child and Cziska on the sidewalk and into the street for nearly twenty (20) seconds as Gomez and Mejia attempted to regain control of the dog. The footage jumped ahead in increments, but Gomez is visible sitting at the table with Max seated by his side. Mejia then paced the sidewalk on Lyon Street.

20240523123331 (2)

This video clip depicted the scene after the biting incident. The dog, Max, is observed running around. Mejia and Gomez attempted to gain control of the dog while the child was on the ground and Cziska tended to the child. Cziska then picked up the child from the ground while the dog ran around in the street. Cziska then walked southbound on Lyon Street and stopped at a parked white vehicle. Gomez grabbed Max's leash while the dog stood in the street while Mejia was on the sidewalk. Gomez and Mejia walked toward each other. Mejia kicked Max. Gomez took Max back to the Pizzeria's outdoor seating area. Gomez then sat at the table while Max sat on the ground next to the table. Mejia paced the sidewalk on Lyon Street. Cziska is visible at the white car with a door open.

20240523124613 (2)

This video begins with Gomez sitting at the Pizzeria's outdoor dining area with Max by his feet. The white car is sparked in the same place with the door open. Cziska and Mejia are not visible in this clip.

20240523124802 (2)

This video begins with Gomez sitting at the Pizzeria's outdoor dining area with Max by his feet. The white car is still parked in the same place with the door open. Cziska and Mejia are not visible in this clip

20240523124856 (1)

This video begins with Gomez sitting at the Pizzeria's outdoor dining area with Max by his feet. The white car is still parked in the same place with the door open. Cziska and Mejia are not visible in this clip. When the video nears its conclusion, the door to the white car begins to close.

20240523143841 (1)

This video appears to face Lombard Street. At sixteen (16) seconds, Gomez is observed walking eastbound on Lombard Street with the dog's leash in hand and the dog walking on his left side. Gomez pulled on the leash and looked behind him. Gomez and Max left the camera's view and Mejia trailed behind them.

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This video depicts Lombard Street. Gomez and the dog are visible walking eastbound on Lombard Street while Mejia trailed behind them, alternating between walking and running to catch up to Gomez and the dog.

Animal Care and Control Records

ACC Bite Report No. B23-013503 reports that on May 13, 2023, a white Husky identified as Max bit a Blue Merle Pug / Miniature Pinscher mixed dog, Ajaxx, owned by Jomai DeHaven. Max's owner was unknown to ACC except that they reported the owner resided at 1111 Pine Street. The bite synopsis stated the victim dog was bitten when the dog escaped while the owner was attempting to take his bicycle out of his residence. The dog, Ajaxx, ran out the door down the stairs and was attacked by the Husky, Max, in the lobby.

A surveillance video of this incident was submitted by DeHaven to Officer Sutherland and was played at the hearing. (Ex. 7.)

Bite Report No. B24-014348 reports that May 23, 2024, a two-year-old, white Husky dog, Max, owned by Yolanda Mejia, bit a three-year-old boy, belonging to Shu (Claire) Wang. The bite synopsis states that the victim was walking on the sidewalk when the dog ran after the victim and bite his left arm, pulling the victim to the ground. ACC noted that the dog Max has prior bite(s) on record with ACC.

Memo for Animal #A484139: In an entry dated June 7, 2024, ACC and Officer Sutherland spoke to Yolanda Mejia and Fredy Gomez once they were identified as Max's owners. The dog Max was wearing a basket muzzle that ACC asked that the owners to have the dog wear in public. Initially, per ACC, the dog appeared to be relaxed but grew aggressive when the ACC officer bent over to photograph the dog. ACC educated Mejia and Gomez on the importance of providing their information when a dog bites. Mejia stated after the bite, she approached the mother (later determined to be the nanny) and asked if she could see the bite. She also inquired whether the child was okay. Mejia said that she told the nanny that she did not speak English, but the nanny closed the door and quickly sped off while she was attempting to use the Google Translate app. The ACC officer then explained that it was Mejia's duty to try to get the information any way possible and that every dog bite needs to be reported. ACC cited Mejia for violations of SF Health Code section 39(a) and 39(b).

Hearing Testimony

Sarah Cziska, the child's nanny received a notice of the hearing but did not appear in person nor submit a written statement. Key parts of the relevant hearing testimony are summarized and paraphrased below.

Jomai DeHaven

Jomai DeHaven testified that on May 13, 2023, the dog, Max, attacked his 10-year-old, 34 lbs., Pug/Miniature Pinscher dog, in the lobby of 1111 Pine Street where Max's owners resided at the time. DeHaven testified that his dog escaped his residence while he was taking the trash out when he had his back turned for ten (10) seconds. When DeHaven realized his dog was gone, he walked into the hallway and called for the dog. He then heard the dog screaming in the main lobby and ran downstairs.

DeHaven grabbed the dog and ran back to his apartment not realizing that the dog had been bitten. When DeHaven was unable to calm his dog down, he physically inspected the dog and discovered the dog had been bitten. DeHaven took his dog to the emergency veterinarian where the dog was held overnight.

The Husky was leashed. The person with the Husky never apologized after the incident nor provided contact information. No one checked on DeHaven after the fact.

DeHaven submitted eight (8) photographs of his dog's bite wounds. (Ex. 14.)

Surveillance video of the dog, Max, attacking DeHaven's off-leash dog in the lobby of 1111 Pine Street was submitted as evidence by SFPD and played at the hearing. (Ex. 7.)

Shu (aka Claire) Wang

Claire Wang testified regarding Max's attack on her three-year-old son that occurred on May 22, 2024 after her nanny, Sarah Cziska, picked up the boy from preschool while she and her husband,

Florent Bekerman, were at work. At approximately 5:15pm, Cziska called and reported the dog bite to them. Wang asked Cziska to stop the dog owners from leaving.

When the nanny brought the child home, Wang saw blood on the outer layer of his hoodie. Her child suffered a deep bite wound, as well as additional teeth wounds, that was more horrible than she imagined and required five (5) stitches. Blood was everywhere and flesh was stuck to his clothes. Because they did not have rabies vaccine information, her child had to get eight (8) rabies vaccination shots, including shots directly into the bite wound, which were very painful.

Wang expressed her concern regarding the depth of the bite considering that her toddler had on two layers of clothes; namely, a hoodie over a long sleeve sweatshirt. If her child had not raised his left arm, the injuries could have been much worse because the dog could have bitten the child's throat or major arteries. She described the child's trauma and fear as well as her concern for public safety given that Max had committed a previous attack.

Videos clips Wang obtained of the incident were played at the hearing. (Ex. 7.)

Florent Bekerman

Florent Bekerman testified that they were fearful because the owners were unable to control the dog. Due to the suddenness of the incident, he does not believe anything could have been done to avoid the injury.

Yolanda Mejia Vasquez

Yolanda Mejia Vasquez testified with the assistance of a Spanish interpreter, Sergeant Nicolas Pena (#2361). Mejia said that she and her boyfriend, Fredy Gomez Perez, jointly own Max, a neutered, three-year-old, Husky/Labrador mixed dog.

Regarding the May 13, 2023, incident at 1111 Pine Street, Mejia said that on that date, the neighbor's dog ran down the stairs when they were returning home and came directly at Mejia and Max. Instead of leaving, Max, who was on leash, reacted and attacked. She tried to take Max off the other dog. She did not know her neighbor's dog was injured, and she did not think anything was wrong because they saw their neighbor many times and he never asked for their information. She apologized for the incident and reiterated that they did not know, and were not informed, that the dog was injured even though their neighbor knew the unit and floor where they lived.

Mejia further stated that Max is always leashed.

Regarding the May 22, 2024, incident, Mejia said that everything was calm, and they ordered their food. The dog, Max, was sitting at their feet under their table with his leash tied to the table. The baby was yelling or making noise. Max jumped up and ran to him. They did not realize Max would be able to get untied from the table. They could not do anything before Max bit the baby. Afterward, they grabbed the dog. They thought the nanny was the child's mother. She approached the nanny's car in a panic and apologized and said she felt bad. She saw that the baby was bleeding, but she was unable to see the bite wound. She did not know what to do when the nanny left because she did not know where they lived, so they just went home. They had a muzzle with them, but they only use it at the dog park.

Mejia further stated that Max was up to date on his rabies vaccination when the incident occurred. Mejia apologized to their former neighbor, DeHaven, as well as to the child's mother, Wang.

Fredy Gomez Perez

Fredy Gomez Perez testified with the assistance of a Spanish interpreter, Sergeant Nicolas Pena (#2361). He said that on May 13, 2023, he was present for the incident that happened in the lobby of the apartment building located at 1111 Pine Street. As they entered the lobby, their neighbor from the second floor came down [the stairs] without a leash and approached Max. While he did not know exactly what happened, he acknowledged Max attacked the neighbor's dog. He did not leave his contact information but will do so in the future.

On May 22, 2024, they tied Max to the table while they were eating. Everything happened fast. Gomez does not know how Max got away from the table. Max jumped up and ran toward the child. He and Mejia got up, but the dog had already bitten the boy. After the bite, it took them approximately two minutes to get control of Max. After getting the dog, they went back to the table to decide what to do. He said he told Mejia to go check on the baby to make sure he was okay. She went to the nanny. They were unable to give the nanny the information because they do not speak English. He did not think of handing the nanny his identification because the incident happened very fast. Afterward he was afraid, so he drank his beer.

San Francisco Police Department's Recommendation

Officer Sutherland recommended that the dog Max be deemed vicious and dangerous.

Animal Care & Control's Recommendation

Lieutenant Stephanie Ryer recommended that the dog Max be deemed vicious and dangerous.

FINDINGS

After reviewing the documentary evidence, the surveillance videos of the incident, and listening to the testimony of the hearing participants, the undersigned makes the following factual findings in #1 and #2. Finding #3 is a legal finding.

1. On May 13, 2023, the Husky/Labrador mixed dog, Max, owned by Yolanda Mejia Vasquez and Fredy Gomez Perez, attacked and bit Jomai DeHaven's, 10-year-old, 34 lbs., Pug/Miniature Pinscher dog, in an unprovoked manner, in the lobby of 1111 Pine Street. The fact that DeHaven's dog was off leash does not render Max's attack provoked. Max pulled on his leash and first approached DeHaven's smaller dog who merely stood at the bottom of the stairs before Max approached and attacked.
2. On May 22, 2024, Yolanda Mejia Vasquez and Fredy Gomez Perez, were sitting outdoors at a restaurant located on Lombard and Lyon Streets. The dog Max was under the table not under the physical control of the dog's owners in violation of Article 1, Section 41.12(a) of the San Francisco Health Code. Sarah Cziska, a nanny, picked up a three-year-old boy from preschool while the child's parents, Florent Bekerman and Claire Wang, were at work. When the child and Cziska passed by the restaurant, Max, from a considerable distance away, ran toward the boy, bit the boy in the upper, left arm and swung the boy to the ground. The dog released as Cziska approached the boy. The dog then menacingly circled the child and Cziska on the sidewalk and into the street for nearly twenty (20) seconds as Gomez and Mejia

attempted to gain control of the dog. The boy suffered a deep bite wound and other teeth marks which required emergency medical treatment.

3. Claire Wang's testimony regarding Sarah Cziska's statements were not considered for their truth because they are hearsay.

CONCLUSION AND ORDER

Article 1, Section 42 of the San Francisco Health Code defines "vicious and dangerous dog" as follows:

1. Any dog that when unprovoked inflicts bites or attacks a human being or domestic animal either on public or private property, or in a vicious or terrorizing manner, approaches any person in an apparent attitude of attack upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public grounds or places; or
2. Any dog with a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals; or
3. Any dog which engages in, or has found to have been trained to engage in, exhibitions of dogfighting; or
4. Any dog at large found to attack, menace, chase, display threatening or aggressive behavior or otherwise threaten or endanger the safety of any domestic animal or person.

Based on the testimony at the hearing, the documents, photographs, videos, and the above Findings, the dog Max meets the vicious and dangerous criteria under subdivisions (1) of Section 42. The harrowing videos of the two attacks depicted in the videos in Exhibit 7 speak for themselves. Credible evidence was presented establishing by a preponderance that on May 22, 2024, Max chased down, attacked, and bit a toddler in the right arm, yanking the child to the ground. Thereafter, the dog circled the child and nanny for 20 seconds, in a menacing manner, before the owners finally got control of the dog. In determining whether a dog bite is provoked, the alleged victim's behavior prior to the incident is examined. We look to whether the person bitten was either provoking or teasing the dog without cause. (See, e.g., SF Health Code, Art. 1, section 41.5.1) Here, the boy and his nanny did not provoke, strike, tease, or antagonize Max. They simply walked along the sidewalk a considerable distance away from the dog and did nothing to justify this dog hunting down the toddler like prey, biting the boy, and swinging the boy to the ground. Even if the child had made noises as Mejia contended (which the undersigned did not find credible) a toddler's sounds from a considerable distance away does not constitute provocation to justify hunting down the child and attacking him.

The dog separately qualifies as vicious and dangerous under Section 42(2) because Max has a "known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack unprovoked" based on the May 22, 2024, unprovoked attack on Wang and Bekerman's toddler as well as the May 13, 2023, unprovoked attack on DeHaven's, 10-year-old, 34 lbs., Pug/Miniature Pinscher dog. (SF Health Code, Art. 1, Section 42(2)).

Dog owners are reminded that they must provide contact information and rabies vaccination records after a dog bite. The San Francisco Health Code states that “[a]ny person who owns and/or is in control of a dog that bites a human or other domestic animal shall provide his or her name and address and present his or her driver's license or other form of **identification and information regarding the rabies vaccination of the biting dog** to the person bitten or the person responsible for the animal bitten.” (SF Health Code, Art.1, section 39(a).)

Additionally, Mejia and Gomez are reminded that dog owners are obligated to report to ACC when their own dog bites and to provide ACC with rabies vaccination records. The San Francisco Health Code states “it shall be the duty of any person having knowledge of any animal which has bitten a human being or other animal within the City and County to immediately, and in no case later than the end of the next business day, report the fact to the Department of Animal Care and Control and to furnish as much information as possible, including date, time and location of bite, description of animal or person bitten, name and license number of the biting animal, and rabies vaccination history of the biting animal.” (SF Health Code, Art.1, section 39(b).) The child should not have had to undergo painful rabies shots.

It is recommended that ACC educate the community and take enforcement action, when feasible, regarding San Francisco leash laws under Section 41.12(a), as well as the dog owner’s duty to provide identification, rabies vaccination records, to victims and to promptly report dog bites to ACC under Section 39(a) and 39(b).

Unfortunately, there is only sensible outcome in this matter: Max must be humanely euthanized to protect the community. Vulnerable children are most at risk for dog bites, so it is of paramount importance that the City and County of San Francisco take swift action when a dog has a propensity to hunt children as Max demonstrated on May 22, 2024. Huskies have an innate strong prey drive and require careful management as it is. But Max’s prognosis is poor and likely cannot be rehabilitated with training given his innate prey drive for children and dog aggression. Max lacks bite inhibition as evidenced by the fact that the child’s wound is so deep. A lack of bite inhibition demonstrates that the dog is likely bite again at the same depth or deeper which poses a grave threat to the children in the community. The dog’s behavior is not amenable to the remedies in Section 42.3(c)(ii) and the standard vicious and dangerous dog restrictions are inadequate to protect public safety. Muzzle and a short-leash mandates are not enough to protect the public from this dog because owner compliance is never perfect. Also, even if Max were ordered to wear a muzzle in public, Max could still attack a person in a private home or facility when lawfully not wearing a muzzle or when eating or drinking. Notably, Max has already been neutered and continues to bite at a dangerous level. This dog is unsafe to exist in the community and must be put down.

The dog cannot simply be rehomed. Ownership of a vicious and dangerous dog cannot be transferred within the City and County of San Francisco. (SF Health Code, Art, 1, Section 42.2(h).) Moreover, ownership of a vicious dog cannot be transferred to another County without the authorization of officials in the receiving county and there is no requirement for the government to pursue this option prior to issuing a euthanasia order if otherwise appropriate. (*Ibid.*) While the government can seize the dog to protect public safety, the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment prohibits the government from confiscating property (even with just

compensation) if it is not doing so for a public use. Under the law, a dog is considered property. Therefore, the City and County of San Francisco cannot seize the dog and give the dog to another person over the owners' objection.

ACC or SFPD should promptly translate this Hearing Order to Mejia and Gomez upon issuance.

THEREFORE, the undersigned makes the following ORDER:

1. The Husky/Labrador Mix dog, Max (A484139), owned by Yolanda Mejia Vasquez and Fredy Gomez Perez, meets the "vicious and dangerous" criteria set forth in Article I, Section 42(a) of the San Francisco Health Code.
2. The restrictions set forth in Section 42.2 of the San Francisco Health Code are inadequate to protect public safety.
3. The health, safety, and welfare of the community is not adequately addressed by the requirements provided in Section 42.3(c)(ii) of the San Francisco Health Code.
4. Therefore, the undersigned orders the dog Max to be humanely euthanized.

APPEAL

The decision of the Hearing Officer is final as to the terms of this Order. Any person or entity aggrieved by an administrative order of a Hearing Officer on an administrative citation may obtain review of the administrative order by filing a petition seeking review with the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, in accordance with the statutes of limitation and provisions set forth in the California Code of Civil Procedure section 1094.5. Strict time limits apply for requesting such judicial review of this order. If one wishes to have this Order reviewed by a court, it is advisable to promptly seek and consult with an attorney. As a courtesy, the euthanasia order will be stayed until September 3, 2024, twelve (12) days from the date of this Order, to give the dog owner an opportunity to seek judicial review. If legal action is not taken by September 3, 2024, the Department of Animal Care & Control is authorized to humanely euthanize the dog.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

August 22, 2024



JANELLE E. CAYWOOD
HEARING OFFICER



PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Victoria Weilhammer, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am employed in the City of San Francisco, County of San Francisco, California. I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the within-entitled action. I am an employee of the City and County of San Francisco, and my business address is 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 8th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103.

On August 22, 2024, I served the following document(s):

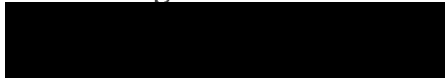
Statement of Decision

In the Following Matter:

"Max" (A#484139)

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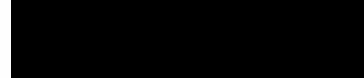
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By United States mail. I enclosed the above listed documents in sealed envelopes addressed to the persons listed above, and deposited the sealed envelopes with the United States Postal Service, with the postage fully prepaid.

By personal service. I personally delivered the documents to the persons at the addresses listed above. For a party represented by an attorney, delivery was made (a) to the attorney personally; or (b) by leaving the documents at the attorney's office, in an envelope or package clearly labeled to identify the attorney being served, with a receptionist or an individual in charge of the office; or (c) if there was no person in the office with whom the notice or papers could be left, by leaving them in a conspicuous place in the office between the hours of nine in the morning and five in the evening. (2) For a party, delivery was made to the party by hand delivering a true copy to the person listed above at my place of employment, Vicious and Dangerous Dogs, 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 8th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103, or by leaving the documents at the party's residence with some person not younger than 18 years of age between the hours of eight in the morning and eight in the evening.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 22, 2024 at San Francisco, California.

Victoria Weilhammer, Declarant