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To: SOCM - Admin <admin@cunderdin.wa.gov.au>; Hayley Byrnes <hayley.byrnes@cunderdin.wa.gov.au>

Subject: Dog Request from Penny Bloodworth and Perry Jasper.

To the CEO, DCEO and Shire Councillors,

I would like to request your approval of my partner (Perry), and I, allowing 3 dogs on my property at 98 Mitchell Street Cunderdin if I am successful in re-adopting my dog back after an incident on the 15th of July 22.

Overview of incident:

Toby (5year old dog) was said to be ,by the neighbour, on the outside of the house fence (98 Mitchell Street) at approximately 19.55 when they were walking by as a group of 4 adults, 7 kids and two dogs when he ran out bit the bottom of the boy and then retreated. I was not home at the time so I'm not sure what happened. Toby has never been out of the property boundary(without supervision) so I am unsure of how that happened but he did not have his electronic boundary collar on at the time as I had taken it off that day and failed to put it on as I hurriedly exited the premises to go to work.

Toby is protective of the property, as are most dogs, and would have been out of his comfort zone when on the other side of the fence.

I am very upset that this incident has happened and that my dog has reacted in this way. I have children of my own and I would be not happy if they had that happen to them. In saying that my sisters dog bit my young daughter on the nose many years ago which left a scar and I was very upset.

I visited the young boy the next day to see how he was going and inspected the bite area. It was bruising and the skin was scraped but no teeth penetration. I have worked at the hospital (and health centre) for 9 years and wanted to make sure it was not severely damaged or any puncture wounds, which there was not. I agreed that they should get it checked by the health professionals as they said they were thinking of doing that. I'm not sure if that happened or not.

The next door neighbour (Tia Hassett) then bought her young daughter and the young boy over and walked into the yard to meet the dogs. I suggested meet and greet through the gate/fence but they came inside the fence line. We fed the dogs a treat then they left.

I have also been informed that a couple of shire workers did not feel safe when working next door on vacant land knocking weeds down. I would receive phone calls or messages from shire office workers that the dogs be secured while they were there which was adhered to. Adam Takacs also rang requesting that they be secured on the day he was to be working there as he was scared of "all" dogs. We willingly did as he asked.

I have been in contact with a dog behaviourist who is willing to work with Toby and myself/Perry. She will travel to our home and observe and work with us there. I am in the process of re-fencing my property fence line to make it higher so no possibility that it can be scaled. I would be happy to engage the canine specialist before any decision on this request is made, to work with Toby for some feedback.

Previously on the 17th of November 2020 I sent an email to the shire requesting approval of having three dogs on my property. It did not bounce back saying it was not sent so I assumed it had been received. Maybe it went to the junk folder but I don't know why it wasn't received by the shire email address.

Toby is a part of our family and is very much loved, and missed. We would like him to be back home with us and working with the canine behaviourist in all aspects that benefit the dog, us and the community. We are very conscientious dog owners with the dogs being sterilised, microchipped, registered, appropriate

shelter and care. They have electronic boundary fence collars and secure gate chains with notification on the fences that there are dogs on the premises.

I have people willing to write to you in favour of Toby. One from my elderly neighbours on the other side of my house who feel secure knowing our dogs alert them to any actions happening outside (Her husband sometimes works away) ,and talk to them and give them treats.

Please actively consider our request at your up and coming monthly (September) Shire Councillor meeting 🙏

Kind regards,

Penny Bloodworth and Perry Jasper.

P.S. I will drop this request off in print form with photos just incase you don't receive this email 😊
And I will forward on to Matt Sharpe (Ranger).