



**COUNTY OF LAKE**  
**Department of Animal Care & Control**

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**Gregory Wilkins**  
Animal Care & Control Director

**VICIOUS ANIMAL ABATEMENT ORDER**  
**(Lake County Code Section 4-14)**

**Date of Notice:** 01/07/2025

**Reference Case #:** 7296

**Animal Owner:** Courtney Palmer

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY** notified that the Lake County Animal Care & Control Director has determined that you are the owner/possessor of a VICIOUS ANIMAL(s) which is (are) described as:

1. Canine, Belgian Malinois mix, Red and Black, Male, 2 years,
2. Canine, Belgian Malinois mix, Red and Black, Male, 7 Months,
3. Canine, Belgian Malinois mix, Red and Black, Female, 4 Months,
4. Canine, Belgian Malinois mix, Red and Black, Female, 7 months,

**The vicious animal is (are) located at:**

[REDACTED]

**The findings of the investigation are as follows:**

1. On 12/10/2024 and again on 12/23/2024 It was reported that at least 4 dogs belonging to Courtney Palmer have been attacking cattle cause injuries and even death to the cattle.

**Vicious Animal Defined by Lake County Code Section 4-14.1:**

1. An attack, without provocation which requires a defensive action by any person to prevent bodily injury and/or property damage in a place where such person is conducting himself lawfully and peaceably.
2. An attack, without provocation, on another animal or livestock which occurs off the property of the owner of the attacking animal.
3. An attack, without provocation, that results in an injury to a person in a place where such person is conducting himself lawfully and peaceably.

4. Any behavior, without provocation, that constitutes a physical threat of bodily harm to a person in a place where such person is conducting himself lawfully and peaceably.

**Therefore, the Director of Animal Care & Control has imposed the following conditions:**

1. Written proof (a true copy) of a public liability policy in the single incident amount of \$50,000 for bodily injury or death of any person(s) or for damage to property which may result from ownership or maintenance of such animal. Such insurance policy shall provide that no cancellation of the policy be made unless ten (10) days written notice is first given to the Lake County Animal Care & Control Department.
2. Posting of "Beware of Dog" signs on all sides of the property.
3. Obtain and keep current at all times, a County of Lake dog license, rabies vaccination, and have canine microchipped for purposes of identification. Microchip number to be given to Animal Care & Control within 15 days of service.
4. Construction of a 12'x16'x6' chain link kennel with concrete floor, padlocking gate and solid roof to provide shelter from the elements and confinement of said canine(s). This kennel needs to be located in a secure area of the property so that members of the public cannot obtain access.
5. Canine(s) is only allowed off of property for necessary medical appointments, and at no other time shall it be allowed off the property.
6. Photographing of canine(s) for identification purposes.
7. Canine(s) to be kept at [REDACTED] and Animal Care & Control will be notified within 10 days of any change in ownership or residence to include new address, phone, and/or owner if ownership is transferred.
8. To be transported for vet appointments only, canine(s) shall be muzzled and on a six foot (6') maximum leash, with a responsible adult over the age of 18 years in control of that leash at all times.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that you must comply with the Abatement Order within 5 (five) days of this notice or file a request for a hearing before the Lake County Board of Supervisors.** Filing a timely appeal will result in a stay of the Abatement Order, until a determination is made by the Lake County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Code Section 4-14.4 (d) of the Lake County Code.

**If after 5 (five) days the Lake County Animal Care & Control Department has not received proof of compliance with the Abatement Order or notification that an appeal has been filed, the Animal Care & Control Department will take possession of the animal and dispose of it as necessary, up to and including euthanasia.**

**If you choose to comply with this order but need more than 5 days, we will grant up to 2 (two) weeks to comply, but no longer than 01/21/25 5pm. If you have not complied by this time you will forfeit ownership of the animals.**

Date: 1/7/25 Issued by: [Signature]

Received by: Courtney Palmer Date: 1-7-25

Proof of service by: J. Leishman Date: 01/07/25

Residence posted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proof of certified mail by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*YOU MUST COMPLY WITH ALL ABOVE LISTED ABATEMENT CONDITIONS AND REQUEST AN INSPECTION OR REQUEST A HEARING BY CONTACTING THE Lake County Board of Supervisors Clerk at 263-2371 on or before 01/13/2025.**

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN ABATEMENT ORDER  
ONCE ESTABLISHED**

In the event that an owner or possessor fails to comply with an Abatement Order, The Animal Care & Control Director may take one or more of the following actions:

1. Issue a citation to the owner/possessor for a violation of the above code section. Each day that a violation occurs is a separate offense.
2. Refer the matter to the District Attorney or County Counsel for prosecution of the alleged violation or for the abatement of the public nuisance.
3. Impound the animal in accordance with County Code. The owner/possessor may redeem an impounded animal prior to its final disposition by the Animal Care & Control Director provided that the owner/possessor agrees to comply and is able to comply with the Abatement Order and has paid all applicable fees and charges. In the event the owner/possessor does not file a timely appeal or redeem the impounded animal within 14 (fourteen) days after a written notice has been sent to the last address of the owner as shown on the abatement record, notifying said owner that said vicious animal will become the property of the County of Lake and will be humanely destroyed unless redeemed within fourteen (14) days after the mailing date of the notice, the Animal Care & Control Director shall humanely destroy the subject vicious animal. Said written notice shall also advise the owner/possessor of their right to a hearing and an opportunity to be heard on the question of whether the animal should become the property of the County of Lake and be humanely destroyed. The notice shall be served upon the owner/possessor either personally or by registered mail, return receipt requested.

CASE DETAILS

Case #7296: 2 k9s at large (killing cattle)



Type / Subtype	Priority	Status	Assigned To	Zone	Jurisdiction	Resolution Type
Stray / Aggressive	P1	Open	Jessica Leishman	None	Upperville	Impound

Incident Date: 2024-12-10 04:59 PM  
Created 2024-12-10 04:59 PM by Ashley Hodgins  
Opened 2025-01-02 02:47 PM by Gregory Wilkins  
Completed 2024-12-30 08:25 AM by Gabrielle Reil  
Closed 2025-01-02 02:47 PM by Gregory Wilkins  
Last updated 2025-01-08 08:33 AM by Jessica Leishman

Associated Partner Organization

None

Associated People

Shelterluv ID	Name	Roles	Phone	Address
LCAC-P-11181	Katie Delbar	Reporting Party		
LCAC-P-8460	Courtney Palmer	Animal Owner		
LCAC-P-8459	Cortney Palmer	Animal Owner		

Associated Animals

Shelterluv ID	Name	Species	Primary / Secondary Breed	Colors / Pattern	Microchip Number	Age	Sex	Altered
LCAC-A-8138	Babe	Dog	Shepherd, German/Mixed Breed (Medium)	Sable None	900235001143738	0Y / 7M	Female	Unknown
LCAC-A-9935	Jack	Dog	Shepherd, German/Malinois, Belgian	Black/Tan None		2Y / 0M	Male	Unknown
LCAC-A-9941	Lucy	Dog	Terrier, Pit Bull/Mix	Black/Tan None		0Y / 4M	Female	Yes
LCAC-A-8139	Doc	Dog	Shepherd/Mixed Breed (Medium)	Sable	900235001143781	0Y / 7M	Male	Unknown

Associated Activities

None

Violations

Violation Type	Date Added	Violation Result	Added By
None	—	None	—

## Metrics

4 Dogs

## Memos

### Follow Up

01/07/2025 Pictures and estimates received from the daughter of the reporting party. They are attached.

Created 01-08-25 8:29 AM by Jessica Leishman

Last updated 01-08-25 8:29 AM by Jessica Leishman

### Follow Up

01/07/2025 Paperwork was signed and given to the K9 owner for the vicious abatement. I went over everything and explained the process to Ms. Palmer.

Created 01-08-25 8:27 AM by Jessica Leishman

Last updated 01-08-25 8:27 AM by Jessica Leishman

### Notes

Spoke with C. Palmer (owner) on 1/7/25 to confirm that she has 4 dogs here in our care. The owner agreed and gave the names Jack- Babe- Lucy- Dock

Created 01-07-25 3:14 PM by Gregory Wilkins

Last updated 01-07-25 3:14 PM by Gregory Wilkins

### Notes

On Monday, December 23, 2024, Micheal Delbar came to LC Animal Shelter and spoke to a kennel staff member. Staff member says Mr. Delbar informed her that he was upset about the fact that dogs are killing his cattle and animal control has not done anything about it. A staff member attempted to inform Mr. Delbar that Animal Care and Control is closed for the week for Christmas and invited him to return when we are back. Mr. Delbar informed the staff member that we were not leaving until he spoke with the director. After asking him to leave the staff member then told Mr. Delbar that she would pass along his formation to the director and the director would reach out to him.

On December 26. The director contacted Katie Delbar, and the sheriff's office passed along the information. Katie informed the director that the dogs were out again on that day and had been closed into a shed. Katie Delbar strongly requested that someone come out to the area immediately to get the dogs. The director explained that since it was during the holiday break it may be difficult to get someone but would make an an attempt to get an officer that night it first thing.

Contacted Katie and informed her that we were able to get an officer to come in and as soon as they arrived at the shelter we would go out to collect the dogs. Mr. Delbar texted the director and said that they had the dogs and were taking them to the shelter closer to them. Director replied that if they had the dogs loaded LC ACC would wait for them to arrive today and do an intake. Mr. Delbar said that they were going to the other shelter instead. The director responded that he would contact Mr. Delbar the following day (since it was late in the evening) to discuss matters.

The dogs were returned to LCACC by the neighbor shelter and were impounded

Mr. and Mrs. Debar expressed that this wasn't the correct thing to do and again demanded that the dogs be euthanized. The director explained that we would follow the investigation process as laid out in our county ordinance. Delbar expressed their displeasure again and demanded to receive daily updates on the investigation. The director explained that such a request may not be reasonable so the agency would not make such a promise. But, would ensure them that since they would be apart of the investigation there will naturally be updates provided to them as the process moves forward.

Last updated 01-03-25 11:30 AM by Gregory Wilkins

Dogs brought in to shelter and impounded.

Last updated 12-30-24 8:25 AM by Gabrielle Reil

Rp states there are two shepherdx (1brown black 1 brown) that have killed several of her cattle. The k9s are always loose roaming the area. The addresses listed have locked gates, rp would like a call from the officer to help locate them Cortney Palmer is the suspected animal owner.

Last updated 12-10-24 5:02 PM by Ashley Hodgins

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## **Timeline and Communications with Lake County Animal Control**

November 28	Signs of an issue are noticed as cattle had congregated around Bachelor Valley gate.
November 28	Two cows found dead one on top fence line, second one in creek at Figg tree.
November 29	Third killed cow and calf discovered.
December 4	First call to LCAC. Message left with request for return call.
December 11	Katie Delbar calls LCAC again, speaks to female staffer. Staffer states that department is familiar with the dogs and identified the owner by name. Dogs have been in LCAC custody on (at least) two prior occasions. Staffer requests addressed for [REDACTED] property.
December 11	Katie Delbar calls LCAC and speaks to a different female staffer and provides [REDACTED] gate addresses.
December 17	Katie Delbar calls LCAC requesting update. Staff informed her that the complaint is being forwarded to officer in charge.
December 23	Michael Delbar travels to LCAC office to talk to director. He is told offices are closed for the week. Michael provides female staffer with information regarding the livestock kills and requests to speak to director. Staffer calls director and informs him that Michael needs to speak with him immediately. Staffer relays message back to Michael that director will call him.
December 23	Michael Delbar calls Lake County Supervisor Eddie Crandell, leaves message requesting urgent return phone call.
December 23	Michael Delbar call Lake County Supervisor Bruno Sabatier and discusses the issue and urgency. Supervisor Sabatier stated that he would reach out to Supervisor Crandell and Animal Control director.
December 25	Michael Delbar attempts to contact Supervisor Crandell via telephone.



December 26	Michael Delbar and Matthew Delbar discover another cow freshly killed. Saw dogs, running from the cow. Followed them to [REDACTED] road. Michael texts picture of dead cow to Supervisor Crandell with urgent request for return phone call.
December 26	Katie Delbar contacts Mendocino County Sheriff Matt Kendall, who in turn contacts incoming Lake County Sheriff Luke Bingham, who called Katie. Lt. Bingham was very unhappy with the lack of response from LCAC and committed to contacting the director.
December 26	LCAC Director Greg Wilkins contacted Katie Delbar. Katie informed Director Wilkins that the dogs have been found and requested LCAC to capture the dogs. Director Wilkins stated that there was a chance the dogs would be returned to the owner. LCAC did not commit to capturing the dogs in a timely manner.
December 26	Dogs are captured and transported to Potter Valley.
December 27	Mendocino County Animal Control is informed that the dogs will be delivered to Ukiah shelter for dispatch. Report filed online with MCAC. MCAC retrieved the dogs from Potter Valley, stating that the dogs would be dispatched that day or the morning of the 28 <sup>th</sup> .
December 31	Katie Delbar receives voice mail from LCAC Deputy Director Jessica Leishman, requesting return call.
December 31	Katie Delbar receives phone call informing her that dogs were in LCAC possession. Katie calls MCAC officer to confirm. MCAC officer states the dogs were ordered returned to LCAC by MCAC director.
December 31	Katie and Michael Delbar contact Director Wilkins to inquire status. Director Wilkins stated that the owner requested return of the dogs and that a "process" would be followed. Delbar's requested notification of the "process" so that they can participate in any hearing. Director Wilkins would not commit to such notification.
January 2	Katie Delbar returns call of Deputy Director Leishman, leaving message.
January 2	Pictures of dogs seen on LCAC adoption website, but were subsequently removed.
January 3	Katie Delbar contacts LCAC to inquire about status of dogs. Staff told Katie dogs were not up for adoption.



#3

11/29/24





#2

11/28/24

Ran down hill. Slipped down





#1

11/28/24

↑  
head  
stuck









#1 after pulling her out  
11/28/24





#4

12/26/24



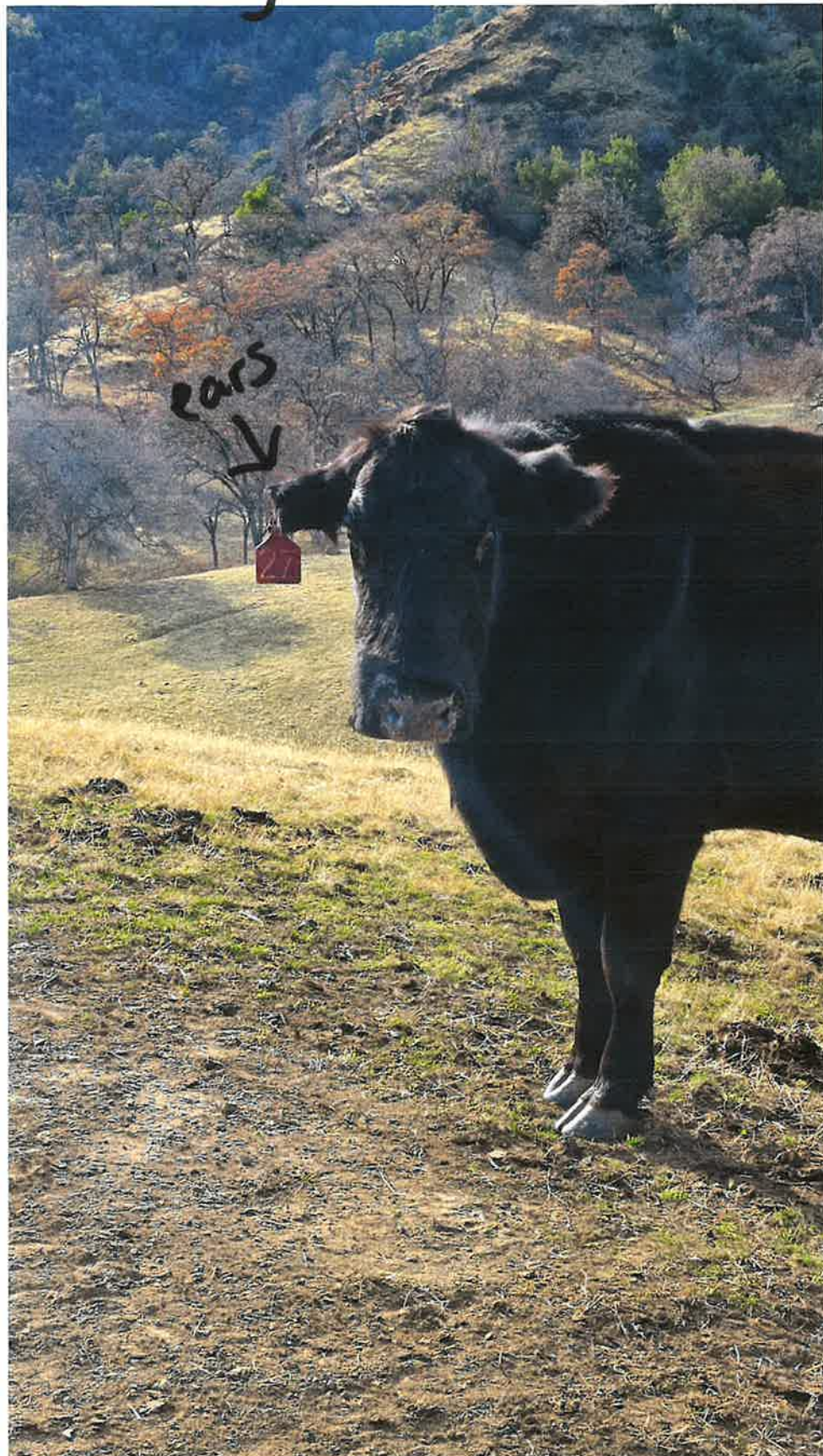


#4 12/26/24





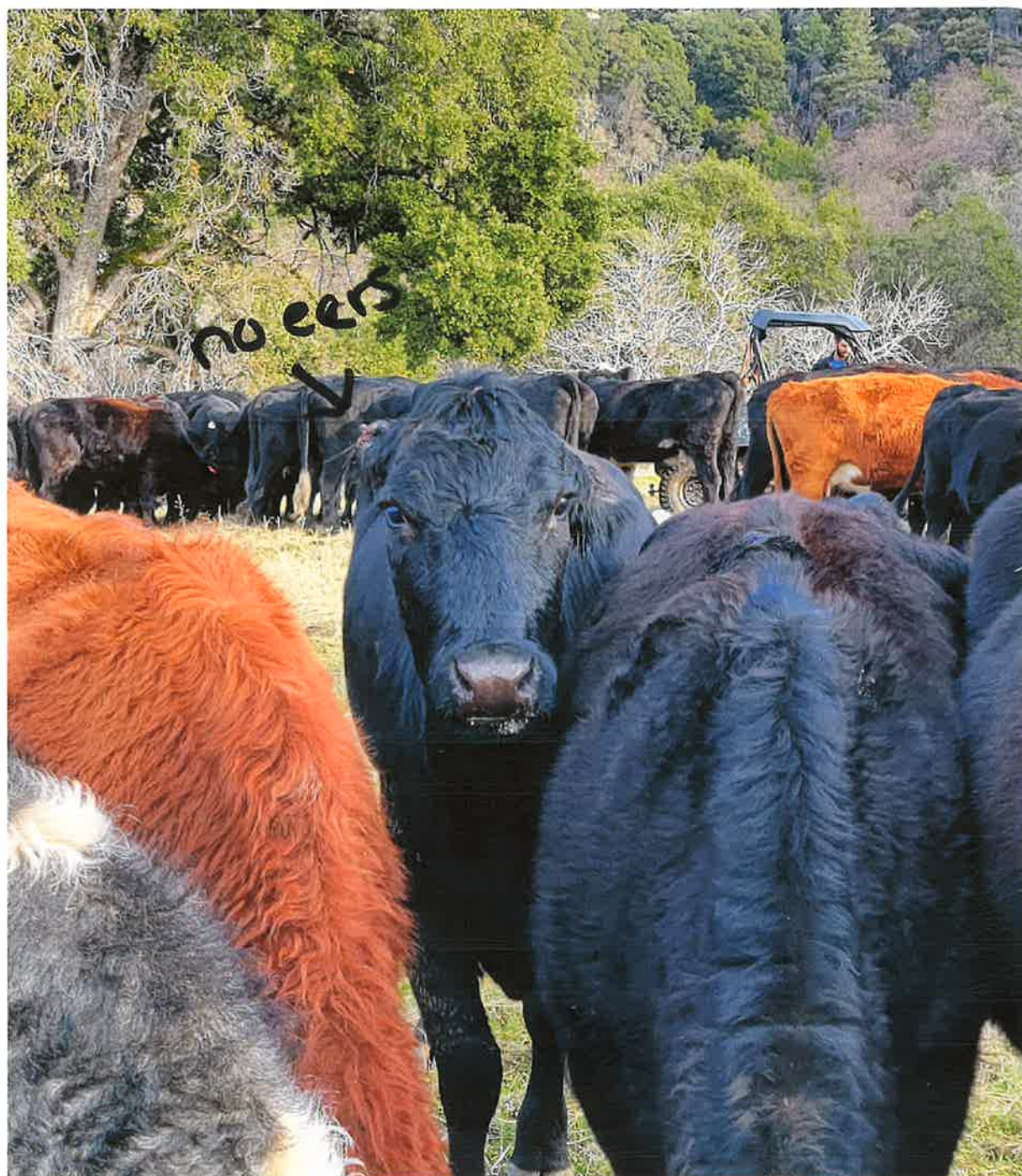
Cow tag 27



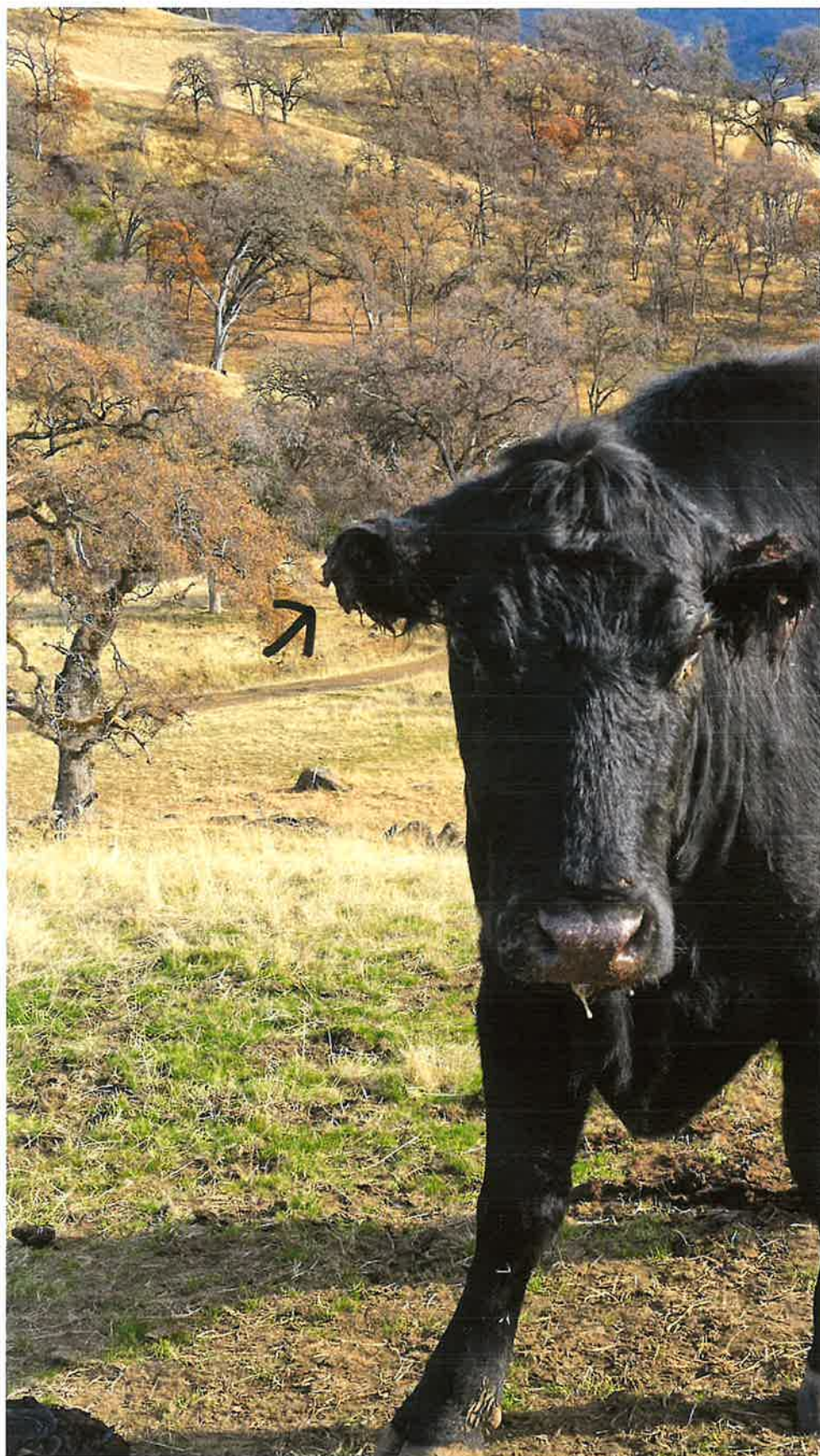












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Cow tag 804





Calf 12/5/24





Calf - 12/26/24

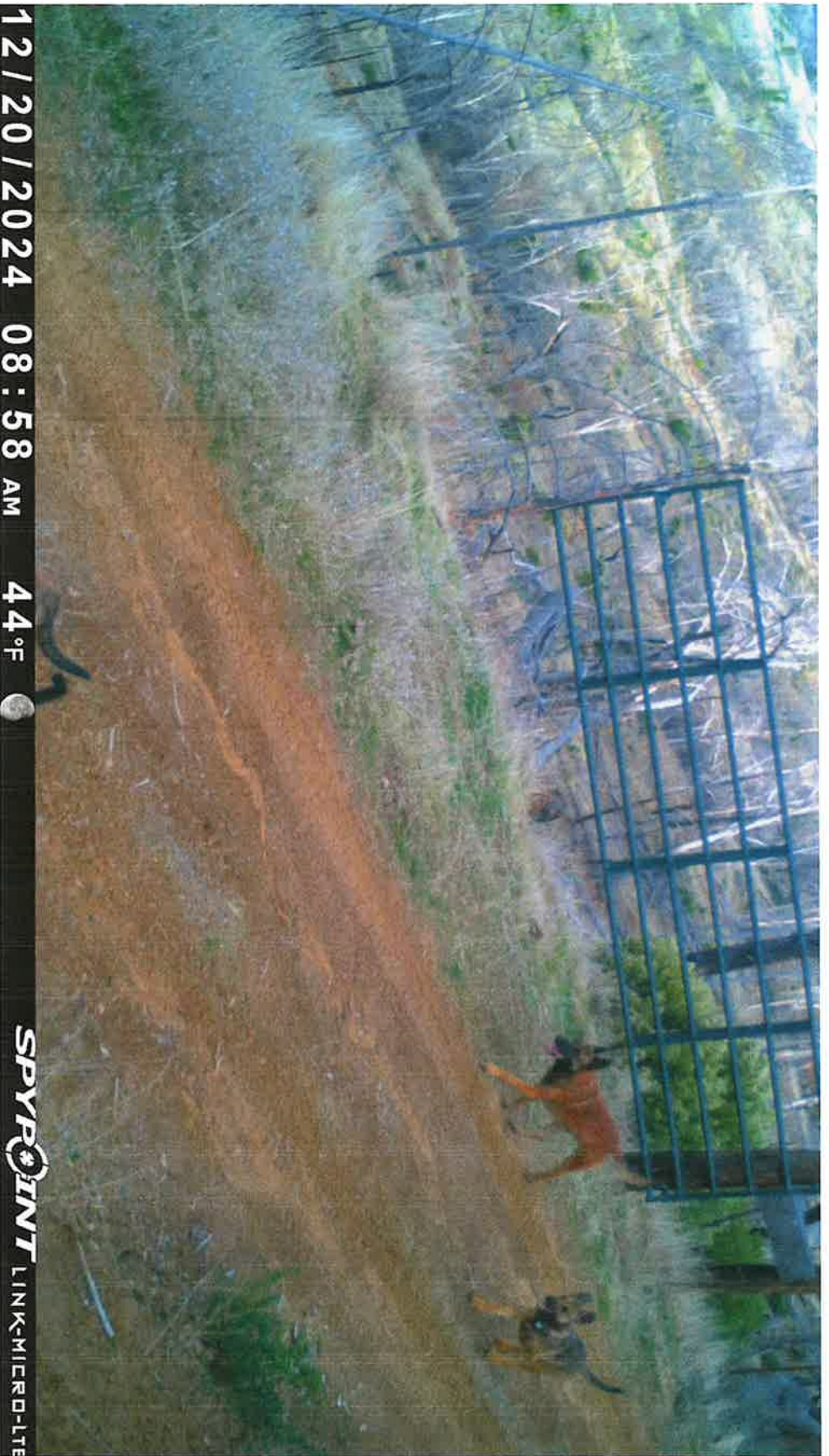




Dogs







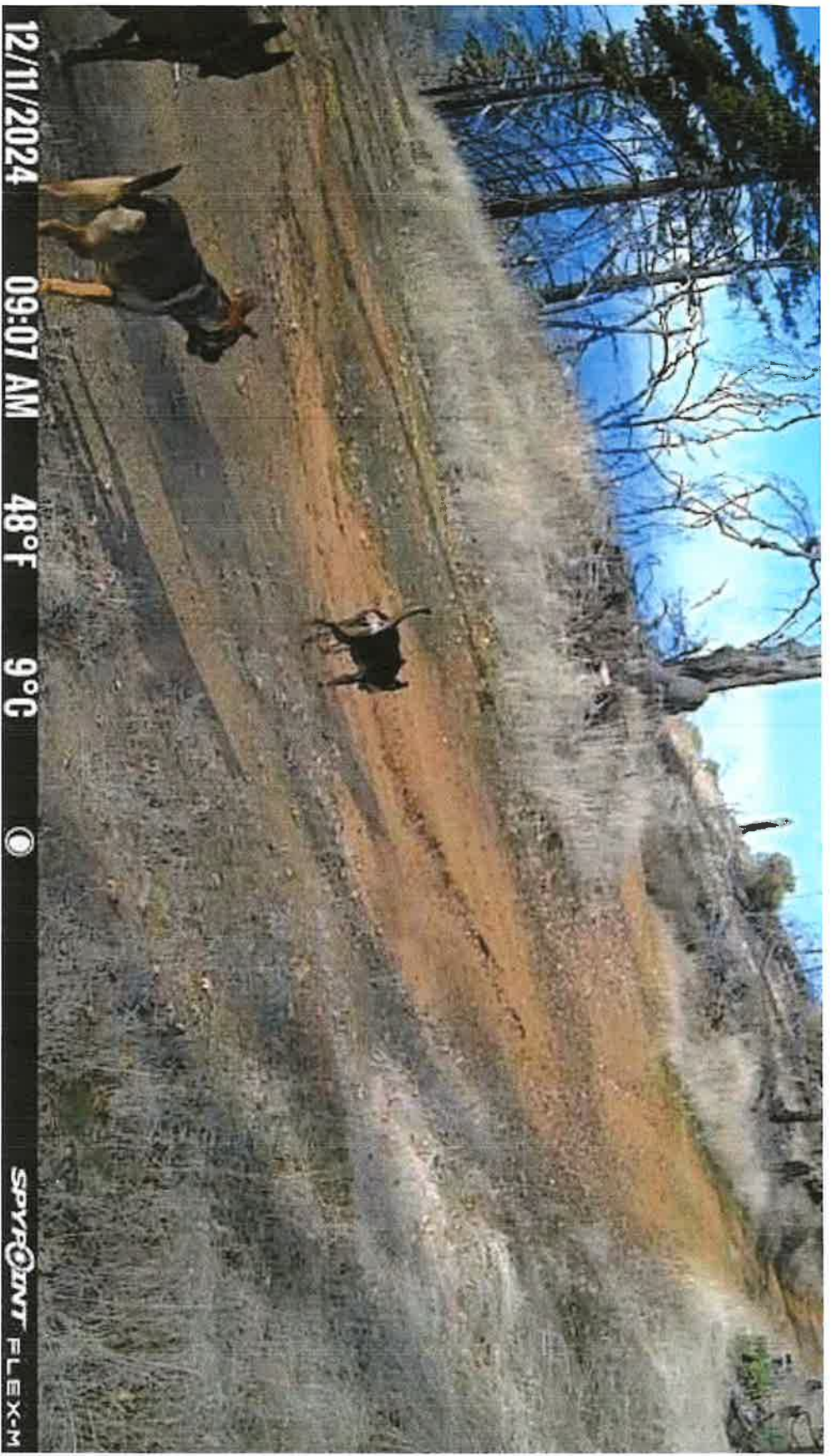
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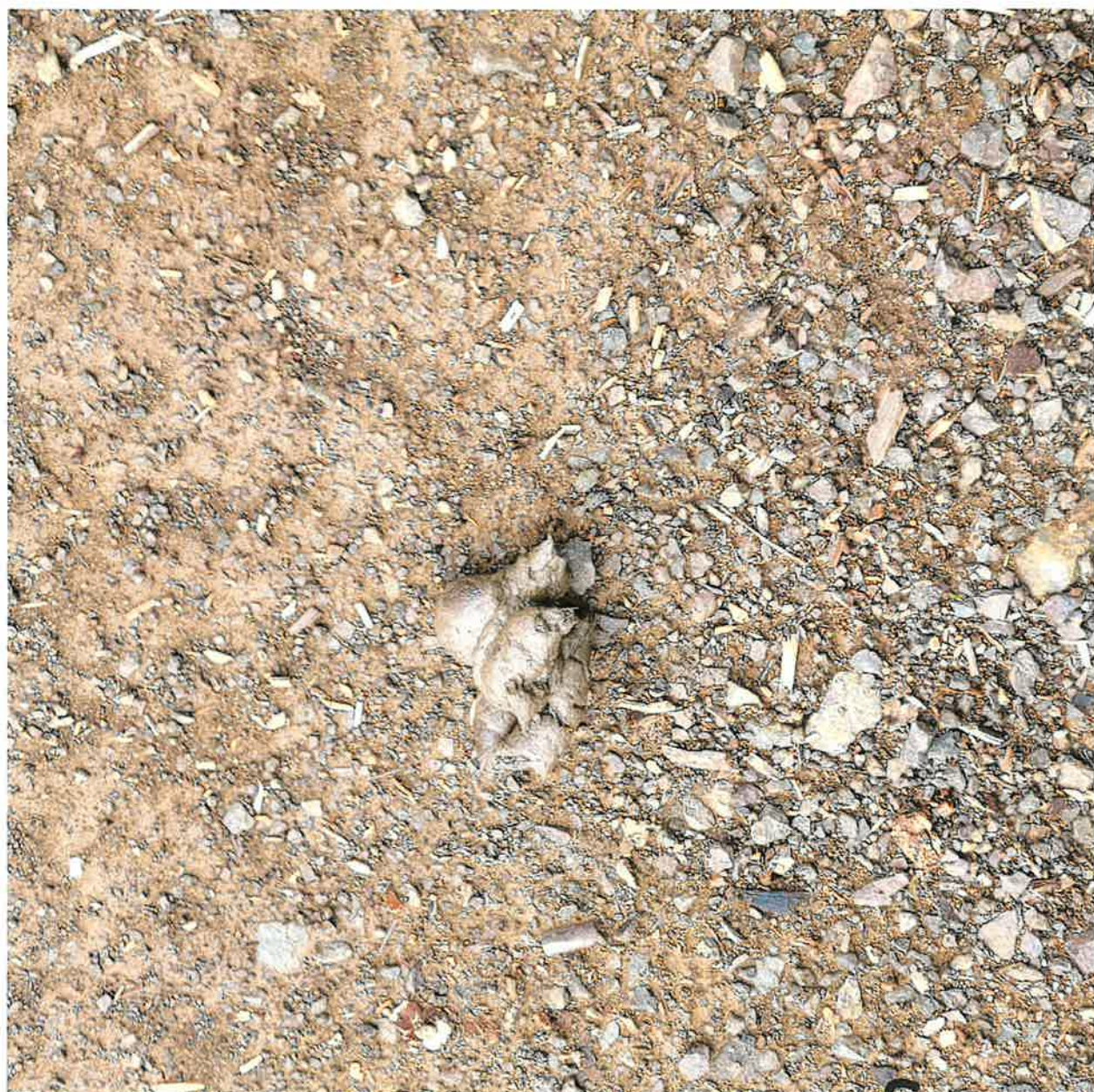












Dog paw 12/26/24



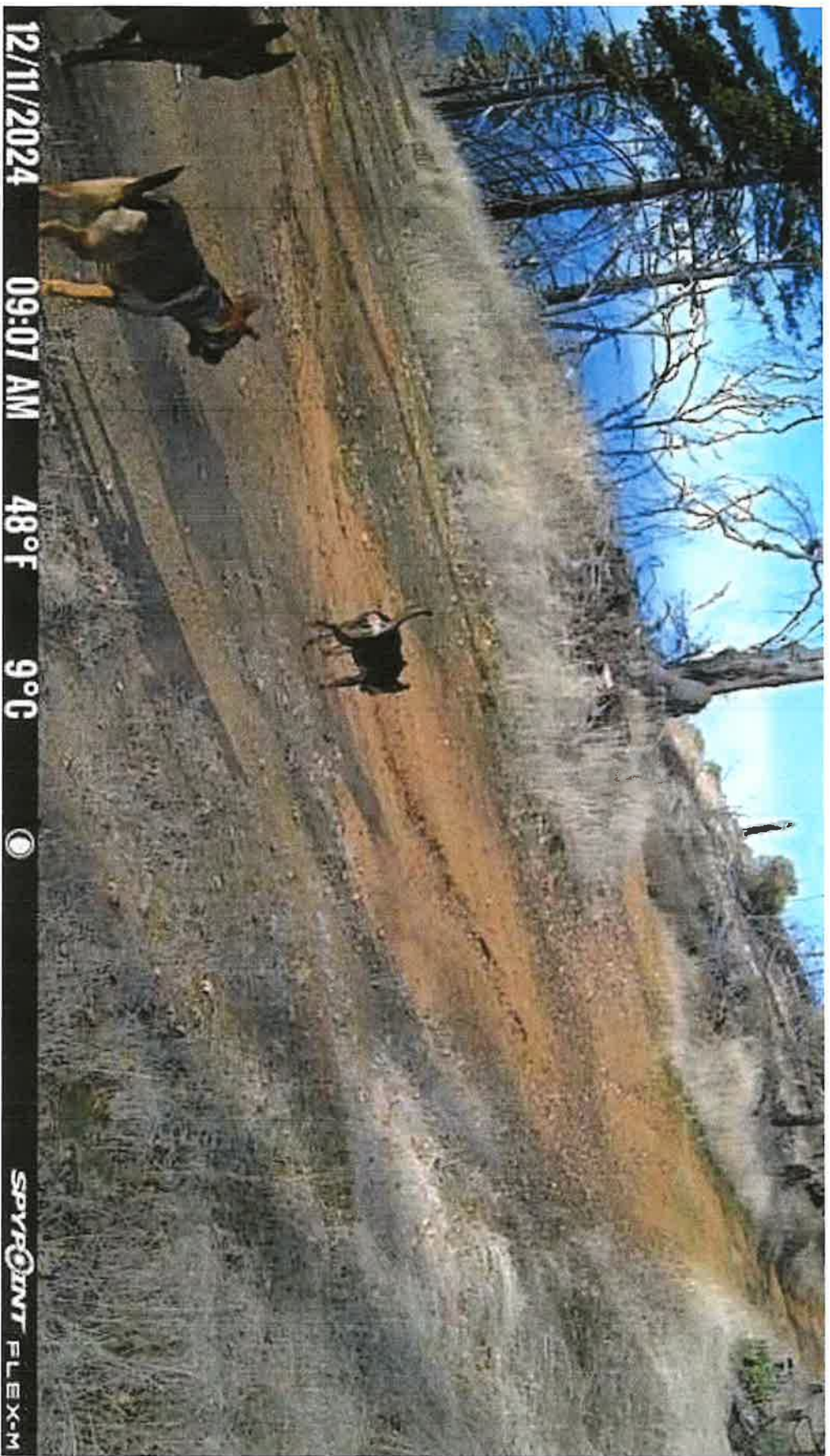


Dog poop 12/26/24









12/11/2024

09:07 AM

48°F

9°C



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 **Kayla Delbar Moore** Dec 7 · 🌐

These dogs have really lost their way or were dumped. If you recognize them (I know it's not a great picture) please let me know.

Spotted out [REDACTED] and the north west end of Bachelor Valley.



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 **Sherry Harris** ...



 20 >

## All comments ▾



**Kellyjo McLaren Waner**  
**Cortney Palmer** are  
theses your dogs looks  
like your mom dog and  
one of the pups

2w Like Reply



**Cortney Palmer**  
**Kellyjo McLaren**  
**Waner** yes it is they  
are home now

2w Like Reply 2  



**Kayla Delbar Moore**  
**Cortney Palmer**  
Glad they made it  
back. Have they  
been gone a lot  
lately?

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**Cortney Palmer**

**Kayla Delbar**

**Moore** ya they  
come and go I  
don't chain them  
up just in case  
they need to get  
away from a  
bigger predator like  
a cat or bear or  
coyotes I live on

[REDACTED] by  
cc camp

1w Like

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Reply



**Cortney Palmer**

It sounds bad that  
they come and go  
but they just like to  
travel

Write a public comment...



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Kayla Delbar Moore · 1h ·



Hello! I am wondering whose German Shepard (maybe) dogs these are? They are a bit far from home and I want to make sure they get home.

They have been sighted traveling between [REDACTED] Road and the North West end of Bachelor Valley.



2

2 comments



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All comments ▾



**Kellyjo McLaren Waner**  
**Cortney Palmer** your  
dogs have been seen !!!

26m Like Reply

2 👍



**Cortney Palmer**  
Thank u and they made  
it home sorry if they  
have been any trouble

2m Like Reply

**Killed or Injured Livestock**

<u>Livestock Type</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Multiplier</u>	<u>\$\$ Loss</u>
4 AngusX bred cows (killed)	\$2,500/head	4X2	\$20,000
10 calves (killed)	\$1,800/head	10X2	\$36,000
8 AngusX cows (injured)	-\$1,000	8	\$8,000
Total Loss (to date)			<u>\$64,000</u>

Note: Losses are as of January 5, 2025. Other casualties may be found once cattle are rounded up in the next 30-60 days.