



COUNTY OF LAKE
Department of Animal Care & Control

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

Date of Notice: 09/19/19

Reference Case #: 2019-09-0025

Animal Owner: Brandon Strausser and Tyra Matthews
Address: 21852 Jerusalem Grade Lower Lake Ca 95457
Phone: (707) 621-2630 (707) 972-3080

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, "Ragnar" Male Unaltered Husky Mix, Tan and Black
2. Canine, "Sam" Male Unaltered Husky Mix, Tan and Black
3. Canine, "Faith" Female Unaltered Husky Mix, Tan and Black

The vicious animal is (are) located at: 21852 Jerusalem Grade Lower Lake Ca 95457

The findings of the investigation are as follows:

1. 09/10/2019 All three canines were witnessed to be on a nearby property Vicious At Large and killed a miniature horse and 2 goats. Victim animal owner shot at the canines. The offending animal owner came back with one bloody canine stating that her canine conducted the attack. NOV #AC94669 was posted on the gate. Animal owner brought all three canines to Animal Control to comply with the Vicious Abatement Investigation.
2. 07/11/2019 Call was reported that all three canines were Vicious At Large and attacking and killing baby deer.

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:

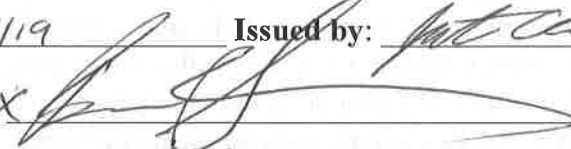
1. Written proof (a true copy) of a public liability policy in the single incident amount of \$50,000 for bodily injury or death of any person(s) or for damage to property which may result from ownership or maintenance of such animal. Such insurance policy shall provide that no cancellation of the policy 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 10'x14'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) are to be kept inside kennel or inside house at all times. Canine(s) may not be loose on property.
6. Canine(s) is only allowed off of property for necessary medical appointments, and at no other time shall it be allowed off the property.
7. Photographing and microchipping of canine(s) for identification purposes.
8. Canine(s) to be kept at **21852 Jerusalem Grade, Lower Lake Ca.** 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.
9. 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.

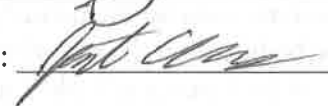
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that you must comply with the Abatement Order within 5 (five) days of this notice or file a request for a hearing before the Lake County Board of Supervisors. Filing a timely appeal will result in a stay of the Abatement Order, until a determination is made by the Lake County 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 10/03/19 5pm. If you have not complied by this time you will forfeit ownership of the animals.

Date: 9/19/19 Issued by: 

Received by:  Date: _____

Proof of service by:  Date: 9/19/19

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 09/24/19 5pm.

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 with 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.