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## CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

## **Lawrence GIBBONS- Dangerous Dog Declaration - Chronology**

1. On Sunday 28 October 2007 at approximately 1:00 p.m., a male black and tan, German-Shepherd Cross entered the backyard of Ms Luisa Megale and attacked her cat. Mr Lawrence Gibbons was responsible for the dog at the time. Ranger Jason Kovacevic investigated the matter and took a statement from Ms Megale. A penalty notice was issued to Mr Gibbons. The attack on the cat was unprovoked. The dog was not under effective control immediately before or during the attack.
2. On 16 and 23 August 2008 Lawrence Gibbons and his two dogs, including the same male black and tan, German-Shepherd Cross attended obedience training classes run by a private company (Hanrob) in a local Sydney Park. The obedience trainer had difficulty with the aggressive behaviour of both of Mr Gibbons' dogs. One of the dogs snapped at the trainer on more than one occasion. Mr Gibbons refused to muzzle one of the dogs. Other dog owners stopped attending the classes because of fears for their safety and welfare.
3. On Sunday 7 January 2010 at approximately 8:30 a.m., the same male black and tan, German-Shepherd Cross, launched an unprovoked attack on "Lulu", a Mini-Fox Terrier bitch belonging to Mr Scott Dunstan. Lulu was bitten on the hind leg. At the time of the attack Mr Dunstan was walking Lulu (off-leash) down Palmer Lane, Darlinghurst. Ranger Chris Tonks investigated the matter and took a statement from Mr Dunstan. Both Mr Gibbons and Mr John Boers (registered owner) were at the scene with a second dog (a black Rottweiler cross). The German-Shepherd Cross was not under effective control at the time of the attack.
4. On Monday 8 January 2010, formal cautions were issued to Mr Dunstan and Mr Gibbons for their dogs not being under effective control.

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5. On Thursday 22 April 2010 at approximately 9:00 p.m, Ms Rosalba Formato-Franklin was walking her dog, named "Mr Benson", a male Sharpei, across Albert Sloss Reserve, Darlinghurst walking to Palmer Lane. Without provocation Mr Benson was attacked by the same male black and tan, German-Shepherd Cross, which was not under effective control. Mr Benson was severely bitten on the left hind leg/ flank and had to undergo surgery to repair severe lacerations. Mr Boers was responsible for the dog at the time of the attack. Ranger MD Karim investigated the matter and took a statement from Ms Formato-Franklin.
6. On 13 June 2010 penalty notice was issued to Mr Boers by Ranger Karim for "*dog attack, unprovoked causing injuries to an animal*".
7. On 15 June 2010 a Notice of Intention to Issue Nuisance Dog Order was issued for the male black and tan, German-Shepherd Cross to the registered owner of the dog at the time, Mr Boers.
8. On 23 June 2010, the Council received correspondence from Mr Boers making submissions why a Nuisance Dog Order should not be issued.
9. On 11 July 2010, a rangers' supervisor, Albert Brown, after considering Mr Boers written submission, decided not to issue the Nuisance Dog Order.
10. On Tuesday, 6 September 2011 about 6:45 p.m., Mr Chris Penty noticed two large dogs apparently tied up to a grate on a footway in Darlinghurst. As Mr Penty walked across the street, one of the dogs, the same male black and tan, German-Shepherd Cross, which was not tied up to the grate, lunged at him and bit him on the calf on his right leg. This caused puncture wounds to Mr Penty's leg and damage to his clothing. The attack was unprovoked. Mr Boers was responsible for the dog at the time of the attack. Mr Penty reported the incident to the local police .

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11. On 13 September 2011, the Council received a complaint from Mr Penty about the dog attack that occurred on 6 September 2011. Ranger Vijendra Kumar conducted an investigation in response to the complaint.
12. On 24 November 2011, Ranger Kumar issued Mr Gibbons, the registered owner of the dog, with a Notice of Intention to Declare a Dog Dangerous with respect to the male black and tan, German-Shepherd Cross.
13. On 6 December 2011 Council received written submissions from Mr Gibbons outlining his reasons why the dog should not be declared dangerous.
14. On 20 December 2011 Ranger Kumar issued Mr Gibbons with a Dangerous Dog Declaration with respect to the male black and tan, German-Shepherd Cross.
15. On 18 January 2012 Mr Gibbons lodged an application with the Downing Centre Local Court under the provisions of s.41 of the *Companion Animals Act, 1998*.
16. On 20 December 2012 Her Honour, Magistrate O'Shane, reached her decision that the dog was a dangerous dog and should be declared as such. Her Honour made Court Orders imposing control orders upon the dog in the same terms as Council's dangerous dog declaration.
17. On 25 January 2013 legal proceedings were concluded. Council has not received any notification that Mr Gibbons lodged an appeal against the decision of the local court.