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**EMAIL FROM MR GIBBONS TO THE CITY
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E-mail Message

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Subject: RE: Application to Council to revoke dangerous dog declaration imposed on Oscar

Attachments: SABS_ALL.pdf

Dear Monica,

Attached is a copy of a behavioural assessment of my dog Oscar, which was produced by Dr Kersti Seskel, Australia's foremost authority on animal behaviour. Dr Seskel is the President of the Australian Companion Animal Council, chair of the Companion Animal sectoral group of the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy, and serves on the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee of the NSW government and sits on the Animal Welfare Advisory Working group for Dairy Australia. She is a former President of the Australian Veterinary Association, President of the Chapter of Animal Behaviour as well as Council member of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists. She graduated in Veterinary Science from Sydney University and graduated from Macquarie University with a BA in Behavioural Sciences with a major in psychology. Her entire biography can be accessed at http://www.sabs.com.au/staff_profiles.htm

After conducting an extensive three hour assessment of Oscar (detailed in the accompanying report) Dr Seskel has concluded that Oscar is not a dangerous dog. Her professional assessment of Oscar is that "he generally appears to be a well behaved dog around people and dogs." Further she is of the opinion that "he poses little risk to the community..." In light of these facts, as accompanied in the attached report, could you please let me know the time table for the City to review and revoke Council's dangerous dog declaration? As I am sure you can appreciate, I would prefer to resolve this matter on an amicable basis without the cost and unnecessary stress and conflict involved in further litigation on appeal to the Supreme Court. If it is not possible to resolve this matter within 28 days, could you please let me know, since we have limited time in which to lodge an appeal?

Yours Sincerely,

Lawrence Gibbons
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