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**MINUTES** of a hearing by Commissioners of the Regulatory Subcommittee of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **FRIDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2021** commencing at **9.30am**.

**Present:**

Cr NMD Smith (Chairperson)  
Cr J Gibb  
Cr J Sedgwick

**Attending:**

Ms E Schonberger (Objector)  
Mr S Doll (Witness for the Objector)  
  
Ms T Oakes (Team Leader Animal Control)  
Ms A Davis (Animal Control Officer)  
Ms C Pidduck (Legal Counsel)  
Mrs LM Wainwright (Committee Secretary)

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

All members were present.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved: (Crs Smith/Gibb)**

**THAT** the hearing minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory Subcommittee held on Friday, 19 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**CARRIED**

**HE2102/01**

**HEARING**

Esther Schonberger - Objection to Menacing Classification  
Dog ID: 153771  
Name ID: 67806  
Property ID: 1014862  
Service Request ID: DOGS1501/21

## **INTRODUCTION**

Commissioner Smith introduced the members of the hearing panel and welcomed all parties.

## **HEARING OF THE OBJECTION**

Ms Schonberger addressed the hearing as follows:

- When she moved to the property, it was not fenced.
- Following the incident, Casper is now well contained and the gate to the property has been raised 44cms.
- Casper has now been neutered, registered and micro chipped. Following neutering, he has become more peaceful and is very social.
- At the time of Casper escaping from the car, Ms Schonberger was looking for his leash.
- She had not witnessed any other attacks.

Mr Doll addressed the hearing as follows:

- Mr Doll was sitting on the leash in the car.
- He did not see Casper maul the cat, Kruden.
- Dogs are now controlled at all times.

The Animal Control Team Leader noted the following:

- There was previous history on file for Casper.
- Casper was a poodle/spaniel mix and had a high prey drive.
- The attack had occurred in a public place.
- Casper had a pointy nose which would be easy to muzzle. The muzzle is not required when he is contained in Ms Schonberger's property.

The statement of the Animal Control Officer was taken as read.

The hearing adjourned at 10.26am and resumed at 10.45am.

