



# HEARINGS COMMITTEE (DOG HEARING)

## Open Minutes Attachments

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Meeting Date:	Thursday 26 May 2022
Time:	9.30am (Dog Classification Hearing)
Venue:	Ikatere Room Level 2, Capeview Building 265 Marine Parade Napier

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Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

### Oma's injury

This afternoon, both Ken and I are with Oma are in the visiting pen. Its like every other visit with the same routine every week. Ken gives her all the attention she knows and loves, and I write in my journal. Oma as always is so excited when we come to visit. The atmosphere is a warm and calm Autumn afternoon.

4:20pm. Luke comes into the pen, which signals the end of our visit. He has a rope, and hands it to me. Both Ken and I look at each other quite surprised. We have never had to use a rope on Oma at the Pound, or at home.

I asked Luke, what's the rope for?  
 Luke said, it's for Oma and it's to ensure that we and Oma are safe. He also said that Oma did not like a particular dog. I said to Luke we have never used a rope on Oma at the pound or at home. Luke asked me if we would use the rope. Luke mentioned David is on-site. I turned to Ken and asked Ken if he felt okay with the rope. Ken gave me that 'look' but nodded his head in agreeance. I then looked at Luke and he smiled and gave me the rope, which I passed to Ken. Ken tends to Oma.

*There was no issue with either Ken or me about the 'rope', only that we were confused about the change. We did what we were asked.*

*Luke did not interact with Ken at all.*

*The only time Ken spoke was during the attack, when he was yelling at Luke to let Oma go, and when we were exiting the caged area.*

*What Ken said to Luke when we were leaving this area was: Why were you in the way?*

*Luke apologises to both of us as he is escorting us out of the building.*

*Ken replied, this should never have happened, then we both left the Pound deeply distressed.*

*This affected both Ken and I, which prompted me to ring you to let you know what had happened to Oma.*

*#We had been visiting Oma for a while at this stage and a safe routine had developed between both us and the staff at the Pound. Part of this routine was timing.*

- 1. The DCO enters caged area first to go and open Oma's cage. The DCO then remains behind the open cage door.*
- 2. 10-20 sec later, I enter and go and stand by the DCO behind the open cage door.*
- 3. 10-20 sec later, Ken brings Oma in, holding her by the rope given to us.  
 (Before this Ken had always held Oma by her collar)*
- 4. Ken places Oma into her cage, gives her a cuddle and leaves Oma with her 2 biscuits.*
- 5. Ken exits Oma's cage, and we leave this area.*

### After the Attack.

When Oma was free from the dog, Luke moved away from Ken and Oma, rushing past me. I turned around to see where Luke was going. I wondered why Luke walked away from Ken and Oma and did not assist.

Luke rushed past me, and I turned to see where he was going.  
David had come into this area.  
Luke was wearing earmuffs and David speaks loud enough for Luke to hear him.  
I heard David say to Luke. "Did they see this"  
Luke answered "yes"  
David told Luke "Get them out of here".

At this stage Ken has put Oma back in her cage and is kneeling to find the area where the blood is coming from. Ken cannot find the source. There is so much blood in the aisle and on the floor of Oma's cage.

Meanwhile, Luke had returned to where I am standing by Oma's open cage door.  
He held the cage door open for Ken to exit.  
Ken came out and Luke locked Oma's cage.  
Ken notices a handbasin, so he washes the blood from his hands, arms, and face before we exit the caged area.

David is still behind us, and he grabs the water hose hanging on a wall not far from where he was standing.  
As we walk past David to leave this area, he began to hose away the blood that was in the aisle and Oma's cage.  
For a few seconds, I pause and watch David cleaning away the blood.  
I saw that while David was trying to hose Oma's cage area, the blood was still dripping profusely onto the floor of the cage from Oma. It was like a tap had been turned on. I was devastated.  
Watching this, I really hoped that David would get Oma the help she needed, as we had already experienced that David was not a willing participant in supporting both us or Oma. David did not say a word to either Ken or me as we walked out, and he looked very unhappy about with what had happened.

Meanwhile, Luke had returned to where I am standing by Oma's open cage door.  
He held the cage door open for Ken to exit.  
Ken came out and Luke locked Oma's cage,  
Luke escorted both of us towards the exit doors.  
Ken notices a handbasin, so he washes his hands before we exit the building.

Luke takes my attention away from watching David by apologising to Ken and I for what has just taken place.  
Ken replied, "this should never have happened".  
I did not comment to Luke.  
Both Ken and I were escorted out of the gates by Luke, and we left the facility.  
Ken and I did not get any response from the Council about the incident in the week that followed.

When we arrived to visit Oma next, Luke was the officer that took us to the visiting pen. As usual, I wait 10-20 sec for Ken to acquaint himself with Oma before I enter the pen. While waiting to go in, Luke asked me if anyone had contacted me from the Council?  
I answered, "no"  
He then said, "that the Vet administered antibiotics for infection and decided not to stitch Oma's lip".  
I thanked Luke for the information and I entered the pen.  
I was so upset when I saw Oma's lip. I took photos of the injury and sent them to you.



























