

1. The recitals above are true and correct, and the Board adopts the recitals as findings in support of its decision.
2. Ryan Erickson, who resides at 935 Fairway Lane, near Vernonia in Columbia County, Oregon, is the owner of two dogs, a standard white poodle named Brooklan and a blue-nosed pitbull named Logic.
3. On September 3, 2014, Brooklan and Logic chased and harmed cows on Harry Murray's property at 17332 Keasey Road, Vernonia, Oregon. Under ORS 609.161, a disputable presumption shall arise that a dog has been engaged in killing, wounding, injuring or chasing livestock if the dog is found chasing livestock not the property of the owner of the dog in an area where freshly damaged livestock are found. Mr. Murray saw both Brooklan and Logic chasing cows on his property. Mr. Murray then noticed that one of his cows had been bitten. Brooklan and Logic were therefore found chasing livestock on the property of another where freshly damaged livestock was found. The Board finds that based on the evidence, Brooklan and Logic have chased and wounded livestock in violation of ORS 609.155.
4. Mr. Erickson did not request a hearing, and therefore, in accordance with ORS 609.156(2), the Board finds that Mr. Erickson has admitted that his dogs Brooklan and Logic have chased and wounded livestock the violation of ORS 609.155.
5. The Board finds that neither Brooklan nor Logic has a prior record of killing, wounding, injuring or chasing livestock.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, as follows:

1. Ryan Erickson shall take the following measures with Brooklan and Logic to prevent recurrence:
 - a. The dogs shall be confined within the home or a fenced kennel area when not under the direct control of an adult person.
 - b. The dogs shall be micro-chipped and registered with the County.
 - c. The dogs shall be secured in a 6 foot kennel when not within the home.
 - d. The dogs shall be secured on a leash when outside of the home or kennel.
 - e. Documentation of transfer of ownership for the dogs is required.
2. Pursuant to ORS 609.162(1)(b), a civil penalty of \$1000.00 (\$500 per dog) is imposed on Mr. Erickson for the livestock attack carried out by his dogs Brooklan and Logic. Mr. Erickson shall pay \$500.00 immediately; the remaining \$500.00 of the civil penalty shall be suspended provided Mr. Erickson complies with the conditions of this order. Failure to comply with any condition of this order may result in the reinstatement of the remaining penalty.

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4. Any penalties or impoundment and boarding costs and fees imposed by this Order shall be paid immediately, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the County.

DATED this 22nd day of October, 2014

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: 

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: 

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 

Office of County Counsel

		COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATION REPORT				PAGE/OF 1 / 2	
		CASE NUMBER	REFER CASE NUMBER	CAD INCIDENT NUMBER	CLASSIFICATION	CLR	
CASE NUMBER		DATE / TIME REPORTED 09/03/2014 1406		DATE / TIME OCCURRED (START) 09/03/2014 11:00		DATE / TIME OCCURRED (END) 09/03/2014 11:30	
		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <input type="checkbox"/> RADIO (R) <input type="checkbox"/> S/I (S) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PHONE-IN (P) </div>					
		LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE 17332 Keasey Road, Vernonia Oregon 97064					
		PREMISE TYPE 770 - Area, Woods, Field, Forest				PRECINCT OF OCCURRENCE Nehalem Valley	
		ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY OF INCIDENT Two dogs attacked and caused injuries to livestock animals.					
		PERSONS BU - Business Complainant KN - Person w/Knowledge OW - Owner PF - Property Finder SB - Subject RP - Reporting Person VI - Victim WI - Witness					
COPIES		<input type="checkbox"/> DET		CODE VI NAME (Last, First Middle) Murray, Harry		CRN	
		<input type="checkbox"/> CENT		HOME ADDRESS 17332 Keasey Road		CITY Vernonia	
		<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDS		BUSINESS/SCHOOL ADDRESS		STATE Oregon	
		<input type="checkbox"/> D.A.				ZIP 97064	
		<input type="checkbox"/> OSP				HOME PHONE 503-429-7871	
		<input type="checkbox"/> P & P				<input type="checkbox"/> WORK PHONE <input type="checkbox"/> MSG. PHONE	
		<input type="checkbox"/> CCMH				MOBILE PHONE	
		<input type="checkbox"/> JUV					
		<input type="checkbox"/> DHS					
		<input type="checkbox"/> SPD					
		X1,X2, - X9 - SUSPECTS MI - Missing RW - Runaway DK - Drunk DE - Deceased AS - Attempt Suicide ME - Mental					
COMPUTER ENTRY		<input type="checkbox"/> SHPD		CODE X1 NAME (Last, First Middle) Erickson, Ryan		CRN	
		<input type="checkbox"/> CPD		HOME ADDRESS 935 Fairway Lane		CITY Vernonia	
		<input type="checkbox"/> RPD		STATE OR		ZIP 97064	
		<input type="checkbox"/> VPD		AKA/MONIKER		HEIGHT	
		<input type="checkbox"/> CCPD				WEIGHT	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				HAIR	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				EYES	
		<input type="checkbox"/>				CUSTODY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
		<input type="checkbox"/>				HOME PHONE 503-429-9381	
		<input type="checkbox"/>					
		OTHER DESCRIPTION					
		VEHICLE S - Stolen R - Recovered L - Locate A - Abandoned T - Towed V - Victim's Vehicle X - Suspect Vehicle					
		OUTSIDE AGENCY NOTIFIED/REFERRED TO? Columbia County Board of Commissioners					
		PROPERTY S - STOLEN L - LOST F - FOUND D - DAMAGED K - SAFEKEEPING R - RECOVERED E - EVIDENCE					
		NARRATIVE-The order of appearance for additional information will be:					
		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> ITEM 1: N/A ITEM 2: N/A ITEM 3: N/A ITEM 4: ADDITIONAL WORTHLESS DOCUMENTS - Record multiple worthless documents on a fraud supplemental form. Record in the narrative the total number of worthless documents written. </div> <div> ITEM 5: N/A ITEM 6: ADDITIONAL OFFICERS - List all officers present and identify their involvement with the incident being reported. ITEM 7: SUMMARY - A short summary is necessary if the narrative is more than one full page in length. ITEM 8: NARRATIVE - List in chronological order, all of the relevant details of the incident and/or elements of the crime or violation. </div> </div>					
		NARRATIVE					
		Suspected canines: Brooklan: Standard white Poodle. Logic: Blue Nose Pit bull.					
		Summary: On 09/03/2014 at around 11 Am, Mr Murry observed the above two dogs in his field attacking his cows. Mr. Murry fired several shots at the dogs chasing them from the area. Shortly after Mr. Ericksen came to the farm looking for his missing dogs, which as of the writing of this report have not been found. Mr Ericksen was served a compliance order to surrender the dogs if located and advised that a complaint on the dogs actions would be referred to the County Board of Commissioners.					
		Narrative: Mr Murray reported that on 09/03/2014 at around 11:Am he was up at his home. He noticed that his dogs were down by the river bank barking. He said that he then noticed that his horses on the far side were					
		REPORTING OFFICER(S) Roger Kadell		DPSST 15106	DATE 09/05/2014	PREC / DIV STS	ASSN / DIST STS
				SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE			

all acting up and he could hear something happening in his field on the other side of the river. That he then jumped in his truck and drove over to the field where his cows are kept.

Mr Murray said that when he came up out of the river into the field, he could see all his cows circled in a bunch with the calves in the middle. At the same time, he saw a Standard white Poodle dog and a blue nosed Pit bull in the field running from the area the cow had been circled. He said that it appeared that the Pit bull had blood on his face. He said that as the dogs ran away from him, he fired until his 22 handgun was empty (7 shots). He was unsure if he had hit any of the dogs.

Mr. Murry said that he then drove over to check his cows. He said that he found one red female mother cow that was shaking and her ear had been torn and was now hanging down the side of the cows head. He stated he was concerned that with the hot weather the flies would come and the wound would get infected.

Mr Murry said that the back side of his property has a logging road that connects to Weed Avenue in Vernonia. That the two dogs belonged to a home on Fairway Lane and that other neighbors in the area had reported issues to him with the dogs. While we were speaking, two person reported to be the dogs owners came across the field looking for their dogs.

I contacted and spoke with Ryan Ericksen, who told me that he was the owner of Brookland the Standard white Poodle and Logic, the Blue nosed Pit bull. That they had come down the trail looking for the dogs. He told me that they had been out running loose all day and that even now after 5 Pm, the dogs had not returned to their home. Mr. Ericksen repeatedly apologized to Mr Murray for the damage to his cows.

We all then searched the area for any signs of the dogs or that they had been injured. In the end, when the dogs were not found, I advised Mr Ericksen that the dogs if located would need to be impounded for having chased and harmed livestock animals. I explained the complex nature of this type of violation and advised him that I would return on 9/5/2014 to finish the investigation.

On 09/05/2014 at 10:40 Am, I recontacted Mr Erickson at 935 Fairway Lane in Vernonia. Mr Ericksen told me that the dogs had still not returned to the home and that he did not know what had happened to them. I then issued a compliance order to Mr Ericksen advising him that if the dogs were located that they needed to be surrendered for impound. I explained that failing to do this would be a violation of the compliance order as well as unlawfully possessing a dog that has harmed livestock. I explained to him that the unlawful possession would apply to anyone else holding the dogs knowing that the dogs had harmed livestock animals.

I also advised Mr Ericksen that a report would be filed with the Board of County Commissioners and that he would be notified of his rights to request a hearing over the actions of his dogs.

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Roger Kadell

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