

Charles E. Sepers

From: Elizabeth Gracia <elizabethgracia24@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 12:20 PM
To: Charles E. Sepers
Subject: Reference letter regarding Kylo being a dangerous animal.
Attachments: Kylo Letter.docx

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This is a letter from one of Kylo's trainers regarding his behavior. I also have letters that the parties involved in his incidents that they would like to provide on the circumstances revolving the incidents and Kylo as a dog. Will leave you a voicemail on next steps of the appeal.

Thank you,

Elizabeth

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Derek Michals

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Derek Michals

8/3/2022

Elizabeth Gracia

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Dear **Elizabeth Gracia**:

I am writing to you to give you a summary of the experience I had with Kylo, your German Shepard, the weekend of July 15-17, 2022. Up till that time, I had never encountered Kylo before. He exhibited typical excitement for his breed on meeting a new person. After working with you and Kylo for approximately 15 minutes, he responded to typically training enough, that I was able to take possession from you for an extended trip with the intention of leash, and demeanor training.

Throughout the weekend he received training from me on leash behavior, socialization, and obedience commands. Kylo responded well to the training, and by the end of it was able to walk on a leash without issue, listen to commands, and was able to ignore other animals by command.

While he did show signs of typical canine excitement, he did not show any signs of aggression, and responded well to the training provided. There were two other dogs involved in his training, to assist in socialization with other dogs. He did not show aggression to them but went to play with them. He did receive training on proper levels of excitement when interacting with those other dogs.

In my volunteer work with Great Lakes Search and Rescue, as well as police K9 units, Kylo exhibited normal German Shepard traits that training would remedy.

Sincerely,

Derek Michals

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From: Elizabeth Gracia <elizabethgracia24@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 9:58 AM
To: Charles E. Sepers
Subject: ESA
Attachments: Stephanie-White--Housing-Single-Animal-Approval-EID109-OID2385153.pdf

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Official emotional support letter. Kylo is also an emotional support animal for my 8 year old with special needs. Attention: This message was sent from a source external to the City of Appleton. Please use caution when opening attachments or clicking links.



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10/18/2021

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03/03/2014

Dear Romarrío,

As per our discussion and review of your history, I have diagnosed you with a mental and emotional disability recognized in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders-Fifth Edition (DSM-5). Specifically, Other Specified Anxiety Disorder 300.09 (F41.8).

I am also familiar with the limitations imposed by your diagnosed disability and the need to mitigate those limitations and associated symptoms. As such, during our most recent consultation and evaluation I approved a dog (85 lb(s) (German Shepherd Dog)) as an emotional support animal for you. In my professional opinion, it is necessary that this dog live with you because its presence will mitigate the symptoms of your disability by allowing you to fully enjoy your home and the common areas associated with your home. Specifically, the presence of the dog will allow you to reduce your anxiety and relax in your home; allow you to increase your self-esteem and care for yourself; increase your ability to self-regulate; I have personal knowledge of your medical history to recommend an emotional support animal to ameliorate excessive anxiety symptoms that obstructs your motivation, sleep patterns, energy, and social interactions; The presence of this emotional support animal is necessary for your mental health because it will mitigate the symptoms associated with anxiety often experienced. The ESA will help to uplift your mood and provide positive focus and grounding.

In order to comply with my prescribed treatment, you may need to take some steps that will allow you to live with your ESA, including presenting some documentation to your landlord. I have written this letter to comply with the Fair Housing Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act, and other laws providing people with disabilities an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling, so your landlord should not need you to disclose any additional information. Please understand that you may voluntarily disclose your personal medical/mental health information to whomever you choose; however, I advise you to be very judicious about the people to whom you may provide this letter and additional information.

I highly recommend that you take the steps necessary to establish your rights and continue to use an emotional support animal as we explore and address the root causes of your diagnosis. If you feel that your emotional support animal no longer provides the necessary benefits or your symptoms increase, please contact me so that we may determine if this is the best path for you.

If you do take the necessary steps to establish your rights but your landlord refuses to provide you with a reasonable accommodation, you have the right to make complaint with US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by filing a claim of discrimination through the HUD website - www.hud.gov - or calling the discrimination hotline at 1-800-669-9777. They will investigate the claim free of charge.

Please understand that you are responsible for your ESA's behavior and for any damage that it may cause- please make sure that it is well-behaved. In addition, please note that your diagnosis and treatment is ongoing and will need to be reassessed on a routine basis.

Sincerely,

Stephanie White, PsyD, PhD, LCSW, DCSW

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Charles E. Sepers

From: ELIZABETH GRACIA <senoritagracia24@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 7:47 PM
To: Charles E. Sepers
Subject: Fw: Kylo

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On Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 7:40 PM, Stephanie Meitner <stephaniemeitner@yahoo.com> wrote:

Mr. Sepers,

I am writing on behalf of Kylo the not aggressive dog. I have been around Kylo from the day he was first picked up and brought home. I have never seen any aggressive behavior from him or any attempt from him. I have been around German Shepherd's most of my life in fact I have a 2 year old male right now as a grandpuppy. My daughter who works at the Dog House off of Northland Avenue had never meet him and she did all his bathing and grooming and if anyone knows that isn't a dog's favorite and he was absolutely amazing for my daughter. I know Elizabeth has done what she needs to do for classes and followed what she needs to. I hope you realize he is a beautiful dog who got caught up doing what his instinct teaches them to do, just like humans to protect themselves and family. Thanks for listening.

Stephanie Meitner.

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On Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 5:54 PM, Melissa Steinberg <melissa.steinberg1017@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr Sepers,

My name is Melissa Steinberg and I am writing this on behalf of the animal named Kylo.

I am writing to give you my opinion on Kylo and his behaviours, as well as on behalf of his family. In July of 2022 there was an incident with Kylo and my 2 children; Kylo had gotten over excited and jumped on my youngest and bit my middle child's arm, while these injuries were very minimal and my children are fine, we do not feel any contempt towards Kylo and understand that he was just excited and acted how any excited animal would.

We also understand that Kylo is working with a trainer to better his behaviours. I am writing to you today to give my opinion that Kylo should not be labeled as a dangerous animal and given another chance after his work is done with the trainer. Kylo is a very sweet animal and is very loved by all who know him.

Thank you for your time and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the following.

melissa.steinberg8710@gmail.com
920-205-0804

Sincerely,

Melissa Steinberg

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On Thursday, August 4, 2022, 9:32 PM, lindsay ristow <l.ristow83@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Sepers,

My name is Lindsay Ristow and My daughter name is Trinity Lewis . Trinity was bit by Kylo but she was not attacked aggressively! There was another small dog that Kylo was trying to go play with, but my daughter tried to intervene and Kylo then bit her and started to chase her and bit her thigh. Kylo only wanted to play and thought my daughter wanted to play as well. He is a loving dog and have not had any other problems! My daughter still loves Kylo and pets him when she sees him. I believe he is young and with his training he will be just fine ! There are so many kids in our area that absolutely adores him. He far from an aggressive dog! He definitely deserves a second chance ! If you any questions you can call me at 920-323-5345. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and please reconsider!

Sincerely, Lindsay Ristow

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Lindsay Ristow
920-323-5345

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