



## **DOG BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Hearing** **August 5, 2025**

A hearing was held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 before the Deschutes County Dog Control Board. Pursuant to Oregon statute, one dog, "Zygo," owned by David Abrassart, was seized on July 17, 2025 by the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office in response to a report of a dog chasing and wounding livestock in the 17000 block of Glendale Road in Bend (ref. DCSO case no. 2025-38658.) In this matter, the wounded livestock are goats owned by Glenn Rosebrook. This hearing was audio/video recorded.

*Present:* Dog Control Board members Sandy Storrie, Tamara Kuntz, Elizabeth Allen and Bob Maimone; Senior Assistant Legal Counsel Kim Riley; DCSO Animal Control Technician Treyton Plamondon; livestock owner Glenn Rosebrook; dog owner David Abrassart; incident witness Yumi Oakes; Lori Weber, shelter manager for the Humane Society of Central Oregon; and BOCC Executive Assistant Brenda Fritsvold.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Counsel Riley convened the hearing at 1:01 pm.

Counsel Riley stated that this is an informal hearing which she will facilitate. The Dog Board, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, has the authority to impose sanctions on the dog via the dog owner. The allegation is that a dog named Zygo, owned by David Abrassart, was off his property and entered property where Glenn Rosebrook's goats were penned, chasing and injuring them. Zygo was taken into custody by DCSO and is currently being sheltered at the Humane Society of Central Oregon.

Riley reviewed the submitted exhibits, as follows:

- Exhibit 1** Redacted DCSO Report 2025-38658
- Exhibit 2** Redacted Complaint of Dog(s) Chasing, Injuring and/or Killing Livestock form
- Exhibit 3** Dog Owner's Rights form, signed by David Abrassart for "Zygo"
- Exhibit 4** Shelter Questionnaire completed by Humane Society of Central Oregon, which included a photo of Zygo taken at the shelter
- Exhibit 5** Redacted copy of email from Deschutes County Dog Licensing
- Exhibit 6** 11 photographs provided by DCSO (Plamondon)
- Exhibit 7** Map showing proximity/distance between dog owner and where the livestock were penned (Exhibit 7 only provided to Dog Board, Legal and DCSO)
- Exhibit 8** Another 38 photos provided by DCSO (Kennedy)

Following a review of the exhibits as described, the Board was in consensus to admit them into the record as submitted.

Testimony was invited from those present.

DCSO Animal Control Technician Treyton Plamondon stated he was not present at the initial call but conducted all of the necessary follow-up starting the next day, when he went to the property and spoke with neighbors who informed him that Rosebrook owned the goats. Plamondon was contacted later that day by Abrassart, who shared that his dog was missing. Plamondon informed Abrassart that Zygo was alleged to have attacked some goats and had been taken into custody. Plamondon further informed Abrassart that unless he voluntarily agreed to surrender Zygo, a hearing would be held before the Dog Control Board. Abrassart then signed the form stating he wanted a hearing.

Plamondon added that he later personally observed the dog at HSCO and judged its behavior to be friendly and as "a typical Husky."

Livestock owner Glenn Rosebrook relayed that he received a call from his neighbors in the early morning hours of July 17<sup>th</sup> and drove over to the property, which is a short distance from his residence. Saying that the reporting deputy had the dog in the back of the truck by then, he said he did not personally see the dog at any point.

Rosebrook said he had been told that when DCSO arrived, Zygo had readily obeyed commands. Rosebrook disclosed that he owns three dogs himself and understands that dogs will chase prey. Adding that the goats are kept only as pets, he indicated his intention to install a six-foot fence around the barn to better protect the goats, which are much-loved by many residents in the neighborhood.

Rosebrook stressed his affinity for dogs and said he did not want anything to happen to Zygo. He stated that he will pay for all of the vet costs associated with treating his goats as a result of this incident, and did not want Zygo's owner to be fined. He said his own dog has gotten loose and he understands that dogs do get loose, even if their owners take good care of them. He stressed that he had no complaints with regard to this incident.

In response to questions, Rosebrook said the property where the goats are kept has a field fence. He did not know how Zygo gained entrance to the area where the goats are kept. He said three goats were present on the property, but one of them does not appear to be injured. None of the goats required stitches as the injuries were mainly superficial dog bites. The vet dispensed antibiotics for the bites, and the goat which received the most substantial injuries was hobbling for a while but is now putting weight on the hurt leg.

Abrassart offered to help Rosebrook make his fence higher. Rosebrook said while he appreciated the offer, he was going to contract that work out.

Witness Yumi Oakes testified that she was awakened about 4 am on July 17<sup>th</sup> by the sound of a dog barking. When she also heard sounds indicating that her neighbor's goats were in distress, she woke her husband. They both rushed out of their house and saw a dog on Rosebrook's property attacking the goats. Oakes called 911 while her husband jumped the fence onto Rosebrook's property where the goats were kept.

Rosebrook noted that a light installed on the exterior of his barn illuminates a broad area below it.

Continuing, Oakes said she did not see the dog actively bite the goats. Her husband had easily contained the dog, which responded to voice commands, and stood between the dog and the goats until a Sheriff's Deputy arrived and placed the dog in his vehicle for transporting to the Humane Society.

Oakes stated that once her husband contained the dog, there was no further aggression exhibited by it. She confirmed that the dog pictured in the photo provided by the Humane Society is the dog she saw attacking her neighbor's goats.

In response to questions, Oakes said she could not detect where or how the dog gained entry through the fence. Rosebrook noted that two gates are likely sufficiently low enough for a dog to jump over.

In response to Abrassart, Oakes said the only dog she saw was Zygo and no others.

Discussion ensued of Abrassart's fence and how some sections are six feet while others are four feet. Abrassart agreed it would be appropriate to make his fence a uniform six feet in height around its entire perimeter.

Discussion then ensued of the type of tether and connecting mechanisms that were used to contain Zygo on Abrassart's property.

In response to questions, Abrassart said Zygo is microchipped. He explained that he took ownership of Zygo about four months ago. Zygo may have been licensed under his previous owner. Abrassart verified that Zygo has good verbal recall.

Lori Weber, shelter manager for the Humane Society of Central Oregon, stated that Zygo was noted to have dried blood on his face during the intake to the shelter.

Abrassart said the gate portion of his fence is four feet in height, and he can increase that to six feet. He said although Zygo only digs to create a bedding spot—not to go underneath the fence—he can place metal material at the bottom of his fence to deter digging along the fence line.

At 1:37 pm, the evidentiary portion of the hearing was closed.

The Dog Board reviewed the disposition flowchart and deliberated. It was noted this will be treated as Zygo's first offense due to lack of any documentation of prior alleged incidents.

Following discussion, the Dog Board found that Zygo was at large and engaged in injuring livestock (4-0). As a result of these findings, the Dog Board imposed the following:

- (1) Prior to the release of Zygo from HSCO, Abrassart shall reimburse the County for the impoundment fees, pay any licensing fees, and sign a Notarized Pledge.
- (2) Mandatory fine of \$250 is owed to the County. The fine will be held in abeyance for thirty (30) days and will be waived if all of the following requirements are met within thirty (30) days from the date of this signed Order:
  - a. Abrassart's gate to the fenced area that houses Zygo shall be increased to a minimum of six (6) feet;
  - b. A halter shall be purchased and utilized for Zygo rather than a collar;
  - c. A reinforced clip for Zygo's tether shall be utilized; and,
  - d. Proof of rabies vaccination for Zygo.

Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the hearing concluded at 1:46 pm.



Recording Secretary  
Brenda Fritsvold