



DOG BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Hearing September 16, 2025

A hearing was held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. Pursuant to Oregon Statute, one dog "Pepper", owned by Danielle Gabriel, was seized on September 5, 2025 by Deschutes County Sheriff's Office in response to a report of a dog chasing and injuring livestock on/near Baker Road, Bend 97702. In this matter, the livestock were free range domesticated fowl (chickens). This hearing was audio and video recorded, and this matter relates to DCSO case no. 2025-49268.

Present: Senior Assistant Legal Counsel Stephanie Marshall; BOCC Administrative Assistant Angie Powers; DCSO Deputy Michael Dolan; dog owner Danielle Gabriel; dog owner Ron Gabriel; livestock owner Sandra Stanley; livestock owner Anglie Stanley; Brightside Animal Shelter Manager Hannah Loftis; and Dog Control Board members Tamara Kuntz, Liz Allen and Bob Maimone.

CALL TO ORDER: Counsel Marshall called the Hearing to order at 3:00 p.m.

Counsel Marshall stated that this is an informal hearing governed by Deschutes County Code 6.12, and her main purpose is to facilitate the hearing and serve as an advisor to the Board. Counsel Marshall will ensure that the relevant evidence is presented in a timely and efficient manner, and the law is followed. The Dog Board's role is that of fact finder, and the Dog Board will render a decision. Preponderance of the evidence is the standard. This is an informal administrative hearing and solely concerns the disposition of the dog, "Pepper". This hearing concerns an incident which allegedly occurred on September 5, 2025. Today's hearing is to determine whether the dog is a nuisance, and whether it chased and/or injured livestock. If so, the appropriate disposition of the subject dog will be determined. This hearing will not address any citations or civil matters which may occur between the parties in the future.

Exhibits 1 through 9 are summarized below and the Dog Board moved their admission into the record. There were no procedural objections by either party.

Exhibit 1: DCSO redacted case report 2025-49268

Exhibit 2: Redacted Complaint of Dog(s) Chasing, Injuring and/or Killing Livestock form signed by Sandra Stanley

Exhibit 3: Redacted Dog Owner's Rights form signed by Danielle Gabriel

Exhibit 4: Redacted Oregon Uniform Citation and Complaint No. DC061008, issued to Danielle Gabriel by Deputy Dolan

Exhibit 5: Redacted email re. Pepper's Deschutes County dog license

Exhibit 6: Redacted shelter questionnaire, completed by Brightside Animal Shelter staff, along with Pepper's medical records

Exhibit 7: Photos of the scene at Ms. Stanley's residence, following the alleged incident on September 5th, and taken by Dep. Dolan

Exhibit 8: Map showing the distance/proximity between dog and livestock owner's residences

Exhibit 9: Photos taken and provided by Danielle Gabriel

Dog owner, Danielle Gabriel, agreed that her dog, "Pepper", was off her property and attacked the neighbor's chickens on September 5th.

Deputy Dolan was sworn in and provided testimony. He described his recollection of events on September 5, 2025. At approximately 11 a.m., he arrived at Sandra Stanley's property, responding to a report that the dog known as "Pepper", along with a tan chihuahua from the same property, chased and attacked her chickens. Sandra had Pepper secured in the coop while awaiting law enforcement. The tan chihuahua escaped under the fence and ran away. He was told by Sandra that at approximately 9:20 a.m., she was on a phone call when she was told by her granddaughter, Anglie, that there was a chihuahua pinning down one of their roosters. Dep. Dolan described feathers strewn about the property, photos of which are shown in Exhibit 7. He described some signs of distress on one of the Stanley's roosters. He described Pepper as "skittish", and he handled her with caution but did not fear a bite.

Responding to Liz Allen, Dep. Dolan elaborated on the signs of "distress" he observed on the rooster. He stated that no puncture wounds nor blood were observed but he did not closely inspect the rooster as it was calmly resting in its roost.

Hannah Loftis, Brightside Animal Center Shelter Manager, was sworn in and provided testimony. She described Pepper as sweet, shy, and timid. She reported no problems with her behavior. She acknowledged that the shelter is a stressful environment, but Pepper has been easy to handle and has shown no signs of aggression.

Livestock owner, Sandra Stanley, and her granddaughter, Anglie Stanley, were sworn in prior to providing testimony. Sandra noted that she owns two border collies, so her chickens are familiar with being around dogs. On June 3rd, the tan chihuahua was on her property and she reported losing three chickens to wounds following that incident. Ms. Gabriel was cited but the matter did not go before the Dog Board. Since June, Sandra reported losing nine chickens to Ms. Gabriel's two chihuahuas. She emphasized that the Gabriel's fence needs to be reinforced to prevent her small dogs from going under the

fence. She wishes to be neighborly but doesn't want to lose any additional chickens from Ms. Gabriel's dogs coming onto her property. She described her chickens as giving her a sense of peace, adding that it is traumatizing when dogs attack her chickens.

Tamara Kuntz emphasized the Dog Board is only considering the incident which occurred on September 5th, and not the prior alleged incidents in June. Responding to Liz Allen, Sandra said that she has not taken extra steps to contain her chickens aside from fencing her property, stating they are free-range. She described the fencing around the perimeter of her property. The front of her property is not fenced. She admitted that her chickens do occasionally leave her property.

Dog owner, Danielle Gabriel, provided testimony. Regarding the incident in June in which her dogs were picked up, she stated that she was unaware of any resulting chicken injuries or deaths. She emphasized that Dep. Dolan did not observe blood or puncture wounds on the Stanley's chickens on September 5th. She adopted Pepper and her female littermate, "Goldie", approximately two years ago from Street Dog Hero. Should she get Pepper returned to her, she is willing to reinforce her fencing. She described the photos presented as Exhibit 9, which show multiple photos of the Stanley's chickens on her property. She described her dogs as timid and expressed doubt that they had an intent to kill. It is her belief that her dogs wanted to play with the chickens. To fortify her 6-foot fence, she pushed up gravel against the bottom of her fence line.

Sandra described some of Ms. Gabriel's photos as shown in Exhibit 9. Anglie testified that on September 5th, multiple chickens were attacked by Ms. Gabriel's dogs, but the rooster had the most extensive injuries. Responding to Allen, they did not seek veterinary care for any of their chickens following the incident on September 5th. Anglie pointed out some photos of in Exhibit 7 of some observable injuries, including chunks of missing feathers. Discussion ensued as to whether some of the evident wounds may have been from a previous attack. Allen noted that her own chickens periodically lose feathers and molt, and it is not uncommon to see feathers around the yard.

Anglie was an eyewitness to the attack on September 5th. She heard the rooster screech and ran outside to find both Goldie and Pepper pinning the rooster down to the ground. Goldie ran under the fence and escaped. Discussion ensued related to reported injuries consisting of pulled out feathers, versus puncture wounds with blood. Sandra described wounds on her rooster at the base of his tail.

At 3:39 p.m., the evidentiary portion of the hearing was closed.

The Dog Board reviewed the disposition flowchart and deliberated. Responding to Allen, she was previously cited for nuisance, for Blondie only. Noting that the June 3rd incident did not go before the Dog Board, this September 5th incident is being treated as the first per

the disposition flow chart. Counsel Marshall emphasized that the purpose of this hearing is to determine the disposition of Pepper only.

The Dog Board's unanimous decision is summarized below:

- Pepper chased and injured livestock
- A mandatory penalty of \$500 was imposed, to be suspended and released should the dog owner comply with each of the following within 60 days of the Board Order:
 - Reimburse the County for Pepper's impoundment fees while held at Brightside Animal Center, prior to Pepper's release from Brightside.
 - Ms. Gabriel to sign a Notarized Pledge, prior to Pepper's release from Brightside. This Pledge acknowledges that should Pepper be off property again and picked up by DCSO, she will be surrendered to the shelter for adoption, relocation or euthanasia. For reference, Counsel Marshall read aloud the text of a sample Notarized Pledge.
 - Fortify existing fencing on the Gabriel's property and repair any gaps to prevent their dogs from escaping.

Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the hearing concluded at 4:11 p.m.


Recording Secretary