

**MARION COUNTY DOG CLASSIFICATION BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Dog Classification Board was held on May 21st at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium at 601 SE 25 Ave., Ocala, Florida.

Board members present: Eddie Leedy, Mike Deen and alternate Barbara Tucker. Chairman Linda Norman, Vice Chairman Debbie Carney, and Kerry Crawford were excused absent. Animal Services Director Kyra Lynch, Board Attorney Linda Blackburn and Board Secretary Andrea Davis were present.

Mike Deen made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 2nd, 2025 meeting. Second by Barbara Tucker. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A24-154515

Cory Taylor

Cory Taylor requested a hearing regarding the classification of her dog "Duke."

The case was presented to the Board by Chief Assistant County Attorney, Dana Olesky.

Humane Investigator Alyson Trail, Animal Control Officer Madison Nelson, Gabriella Doreste and Colleen Doreste were present and provided testimony.

Attorney Robert McClain was present and represented Cory Taylor. Cory Taylor and Kenneth Phillips were present and provided testimony.

Mike Deen made a motion that there was substantial, competent evidence that the dog "Duke" a neutered male, tan and black, Mastiff type dog, has aggressively bitten, attacked or endangered or has inflicted severe injury to a human while on public or private property, and that there is sufficient cause to classify "Duke" as a Dangerous Dog per Marion County Code Chapter 4, Section 4-22 and Florida State Statute 767.12. Second by Eddie Leedy. After discussion, the motion passed with a 2-1 vote, with Barbara Tucker opposing.

2. A25-158840

Jena Woodyard

Jena Woodyard requested a hearing regarding the destruction of her previously classified Dangerous Dog, "Rokko".

Humane Investigator Joshua Music presented proof of service, photos and gave testimony.

Shalaka Venkatraman and Moolamnnil Thomas were present and provided testimony.

Jena Woodyard, Kalen Woodyard, Breite Woodyard and Kiana Colson were present and provided testimony.

Mike Deen made a motion that after hearing substantial, competent evidence that the dog "Rokko", a neutered male, blue and tan, American Bully type dog, previously declared

dangerous, has without provocation attacked or bitten a person or domestic animal, and that the board finds that Animal Services has sufficient cause for the destruction of "Rokko" in a safe and humane manner per Marion County Code Chapter 4, Sections 4-22, and 4-25; and Florida State Statute 767. Second by Barbara Tucker. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

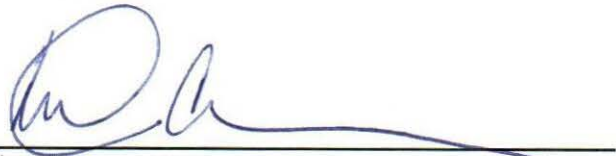

3. A25-158680

Jasmine Lester

Jasmine Lester requested a hearing regarding the destruction of her previously classified Dangerous Dog, "Fat Boy".

By the start time for this hearing, Jasmine Lester failed to appear. No hearing was held.

Eddie Leedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.


Chairman
 SD
Witness - Date Adopted 6/4/25