

**Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: August 19, 2014

Agenda Date Requested: August 28, 2014

Time Requested: 10 Minutes

To: Mayor and Board of Supervisors

From: Neil Rombardo, District Attorney and Mark Krueger, Assistant District Attorney

Subject Title: Information Only: To provide information related to the "District Attorney's Witness Guide" (DAWG) program which provides a K-9 attendant to victims of violent crimes by providing them with comfort, participating in forensic interviews, accompanying them through the rigors of the court process, and bringing a general calmness to witnesses as well as interacting with people in the courthouse and through specialty courts. This program will assist victims and witnesses with physical, psychological, or emotional trauma associated with criminal conduct. *(Neil Rombardo and Mark Krueger).*

Staff Summary: The District Attorney's Office is currently working with a 2 year-old certified therapy Labrador Retriever canine named "Subaru" in its DAWG program. Subaru has undergone rigorous training to perform the duties of a victim attendant. Studies prove that the presence of dogs reduce the stress in humans, especially when forced to face people or factual situations that increase that stress. Many District Attorneys across the country that have found that the presence of a dog for victims, especially in the courtroom, reduces victim anxiety associated with a criminal proceeding and offers comfort in these stressful situations.

Type of Action Requested:

Resolution

Ordinance- First Reading

Formal Action/Motion

Other (Information Only)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Recommended Board Action: N/A

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: N/A

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: N/A

Fiscal Impact: None- Volunteer Program

Explanation of Impact: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Alternatives: N/A

Supporting Material: Carson City Volunteer Application for Subaru, dated June 16, 2014

Prepared By: Jennifer A. Mayhew, Deputy District Attorney

Reviewed By: _____ Date: _____
(Public Works) Nicholas Edward Date: 8/19/14
(City Manager) _____ Date: 8/19/14
(District Attorney) Jennifer A. Mayhew Date: 8/19/14
(Finance Director) Michael A. Holt

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1) _____ Aye/Nay
2) _____ _____

(Vote Recorded By)



CARSON CITY VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Date: June 16, 2014

Volunteer Name: Risa B. Lang, Esq.'s dog Subaru

Subaru will be volunteering with the Carson City DA's Victims Assistance Program to work with victims who are children or the elderly as a VASE (Volunteer Animal Service Escort) volunteer. Neither the owner nor Subaru shall be an employee or an independent contractor of Carson City in connection with the VASE volunteer work.

Address: 4201 Meadow Wood Rd.

City, State, Zip: Carson City, Nevada 89703

Day Phone: (775) 684-6830

Night Phone: (775) 885-8448

Cell Phone: (775) 315-8609

E-mail: risasworld@gmail.com

Occupation: Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel

Business Name: Legislative Counsel Bureau

Phone: (775) 684-6830

Emergency Contact for Subaru: Risa B. Lang, Esq.

Emergency Contact Phone: (775) 315-8609

Please list any special needs for Subaru:

Please indicate the days and times Subaru is available to volunteer: Subaru is available any day and time with notice. He will be delivered daily, M-Fri, unless otherwise notified.

- Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
- Morning Afternoon Evening

➤ on-call/as needed

scheduled times

varies

List Subaru's skills and talents, including any credentials, that show Subaru's value as a volunteer:

Subaru is a sweet, docile, calm dog who has been well-socialized in a variety of settings and is able to settle for long periods. Subaru was trained to become a service dog for a blind person, but was dropped from the program because he exhibited wet mouth. I am not a professional trainer and Subaru has not been certified for the purpose of working as a VASE volunteer. Upon observation that Subaru has the appropriate training, demeanor and temperament, Subaru may be used for that purpose.

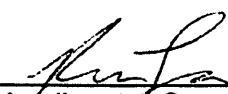
I understand that there are certain risks associated with Subaru volunteering. I expressly understand and agree that Carson City, a consolidated municipality, its officers, agents, volunteers, assistants, and/or employees shall not be held responsible or made subject to any claims for negligence, seeking to assess damages or liability for or arising from personal injury or property damage to myself or Subaru as a result of actual or proposed participation as a volunteer. I, on behalf of myself and Subaru hereby agree to hold Carson City, its officers, agents, volunteers, and employees harmless on account of any such claim. I waive and relinquish all claims I may have against Carson City and its officer, agents, employees, and other volunteers as a result of my and Subaru's participation in connection with the Carson City DA's Office's VASE program.

I also understand that Carson City has insurance coverage that includes volunteers like Subaru who, while volunteering with the Carson City DA's Victims Assistance Program with victims who are children or the elderly as a VASE volunteer. While in the course and scope of such VASE volunteering, Subaru will be covered under Carson City's insurance coverage and the Carson City agrees to indemnify Subaru's owner and hold her harmless from any claim made by anyone related to Subaru's volunteer VASE work with the Carson City DA's Victims Assistance Program.

I understand that no rights are bestowed upon me or Subaru by making Subaru a VASE volunteer and that my and Subaru's services as such may be ended by the Carson City DA's Office at any time for any or no reason.

In the event of any emergency, I authorize Carson City officials to secure from any licensed veterinary facility any treatment deemed necessary for Subaru's immediate care.

I give permission for media coverage of Subaru to be disseminated for public relations purposes. I acknowledge and understand the foregoing. This document shall not be modified orally and shall be construed as if jointly drafted.



Applicant = Owner of Subaru

6/16/2014

Date



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Rabies Certificate

Issued by the San Rafael Campus

Dog ID #: 50G1
Microchip: 152077291A
Name: Subaru
Breed: Labrador Retriever
Color: Black
Birthdate: 10/31/2012
Sex: M **Neutered:** 5/30/2013

Vaccination Given: 1/21/2014 **Manufacturer/Serial #/ Tag #:** Imrab#18196B
Revaccination Due: 1/21/2017

I verify that the above dog has been vaccinated against Rabies with an approved killed virus vaccine.

Veterinarian's Signature: _____

Craig J. Detrick, DVM

5751

(Licensed Veterinarian)

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Date: May 7, 2014



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Routine Test and Vaccination Record

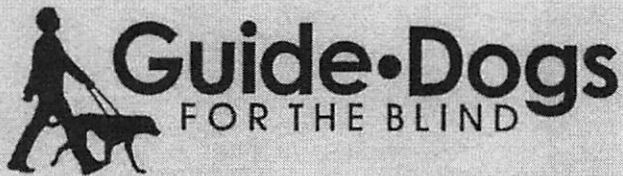
Subaru (50G1) LAB/Black/M (DOB 10/31/2012) Neuter Date: 5/30/2013

Microchip: 152077291A

Date Provided	Test/Vaccination	Test Result
12/12/2012	DA2PP Puppy Vaccination	
12/12/2012	Bordetella	
12/26/2012	DA2PP Puppy Vaccination	
1/25/2013	DHLPP vaccination	
2/22/2013	Rabies Certificate In	
2/22/2013	Rabies - 1 yr.	
2/22/2013	DA2PP - Booster	
1/21/2014	Result Heartworm AG	neg
1/21/2014	Rabies - 3 yr. (Booster)	
1/21/2014	HW Test - In House	
1/21/2014	DA2PP - Booster	
1/21/2014	Bordetella	

Date: May 7, 2014

National Office: P.O. Box 151200, San Rafael, CA 94915-1200 * (800) 295-4050 * www.guidedogs.com
California Campus: 350 Los Ranchitos Road, San Rafael, CA 94903 * (415) 499-4000 * Fax: (415) 499-4035
Oregon Campus: 32901 S.E. Kelso Road, Boring, OR 97009 * (503) 668-2100 * Fax: (503) 868-2141



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Alter Certificate

I hereby certify that on

5/30/13

Date

I altered the male dog described below:

Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., Registry No. 50G1

Dog's Name: Subaru

Breed: LAB

Color: Black

Cameron Ross, DVM

Name of Veterinarian

1020

Vet #

Carson Valley Vet Hosp

Name of Hospital

1390 Hwy 88

Address

Minden, NY 89423

City, State and Zip Code

775-782-3693

Area Code Telephone #

Today's Date:

5/30/13