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I Rebecca Louise Palmer have worked for Auckland Council for approx. 4 years  
I am the Team Leader of the Henderson Shelter since March 2018.

- Animal Management officer 266 spoke to me about the dog Lukah and that the dog owner has previously had a Breed Assessment but would like another one. I agreed I would do this for the customer.  
( Date and time unknown of this conversation)
- On 30.7.18 I received a phone call from dog owner Stephen John Nahu. He asked me about the Breed Assessment and I booked Lukah in for another Breed Assessment for 10.8.18 at approx. 2pm. I asked Stephen why he now wanted another one when he has already had this done, Stephen said he does not want his dog castrated and that the previous staff did not know what they were doing.  
I confirmed to the dog owner he was able to be present while we did the Breed Assessment again. Stephen was polite to speak with.
- 10.8.18 Dog owner Stephen came to the Henderson Shelter. We entered the room with his dog. Lukah was friendly but boistress. Stephen made a comment that his dog must smell a bitch on heat. Lukah tried to hump me during the Breed Assessment and tried to get out of the room. He was unsettled.
- Before starting the Breed Assessment I showed Stephen the Breed Assessment form and staff training booklet and wanted to explain everything for him. Stephen said he did not need to see it.  
I showed Stephen the 2016 and 2017 registration forms which both show Lukah as a Pitbull and both signed by Ashleigh Nahu (Primary dog owner)  
Stephen asked me for a copy, which I gave him.  
I discussed desexing Lukah and Stephen became frustrated with the term "desexing" I was using.
- Both Chardon and I completed a Breed Assessment on Lukah and took photos. The result showed Lukah is of Pitbull type scoring 49-50. Stephen asked us to be nice and allow his dog to be free of castration, I explained no we are unable to do this but he is welcome to take this to a hearing committee. Stephen said he would.

- Stephen said his dog looked like the dog from the poster in the office – the TXT2DESEX poster. I explained to Stephen this was a Pitbull and was owned by an officer. ( see attached copy of poster)  
Stephen then said his dog is more like a Rottweiler, Chardon explained her dog was a Rottweiler and Lukah was not a Rottweiler.
- Stephen remained polite and Chardon issued him with the Breed Assessment result letter. I explained he would need to contact us within 14 days if he wished to object.
- 13.08.2018 -Left message for dog owner to email us regarding a hearing if required and reason why they would like one other wise menacing applies.
- 30.8.18 - Letter sent to dog owner to inform them we will take this now to a hearing.
- 30.8.18 Received email for Objection from Stephen. I called Stephen and explained I had received his objection and that I would contact him once a hearing date is confirmed. Stephen asked me to email him confirmation I had received the objection, which I did straight away.

Signed at Hondson Shelter on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018

Rebecca Louise Palmer



Signed:



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