

“An Act concerning quarantine and disposal orders of Animal Control Officers”

Regarding the new amendment orders “Section 1. Section 22-358” of the general statutes and the repeal and substitution which is effective July 1, 2019.

I am a member of a large group of citizens “Save Simon” we are trying to bring back to his loving family, the Guilford dog “Simon”, who is kept by the Town of Guilford Ct. for almost two years for protecting its owner/keeper from physical harm.

The dog Simon was in his own fenced in yard playing, when he was provoked by an intruder who approached Simon with a Lacrosse stick. Simon bit intruder in the leg, in spite of an initial favorable (to Simon) Police report, Simon is being held by the Town of Guilford for almost two years. Simon was always a loving family pet and was the best friend of the four family children that he loved so much. Simon is and has been up to date with all of his shots including rabies. A hearing was held with the Department of Agriculture in Hartford a few months ago, regarding Simon, but unfortunately Simon’s owner and supporters were not allowed to attend the hearing. It was suddenly called a “closed hearing” and nothing has happened, Simon is still being held and is very depressed, sitting alone in a cage. His owner says that the cries of Simon are heart wrenching.

We are bringing this matter to your attention to ask you for more clarity for existing cases like this.

How does your new proposed time frame of the hearings would fit into this case and cases like Simons case, regarding meetings with Dept. of Agriculture etc. within a certain number of days? At what point will your representative make a decision regarding the dog Simon and other dogs in his position in the future? With the law being so unclear presently, we need you to give some more direct guidelines that can be followed.

The Town of Guilford tax payers so far, have payed already \$40,000.00 in legal fees for Simon.

Respectfully submitted by Margit Kaye and all the “Save Simon” supporters from all over Connecticut and supporters from other US States and Europe.