From: kaylensandin
To: dencc - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Denver pitbull ban
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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my sincere disappointment in Mayor Hancock vetoing the lifting of the pitbull ban in Denver. I am the very proud mother to an American Bulldog and Pitbull, and a Colorado resident of the last 5 years.

I have both of my dogs registered and licensed with the township in which I live. I take my dogs to the vet regularly, where the vet has expressed during every visit, how well tempered and behaved my dogs are.

I have friends that used to be afraid of pitbulls, until they met my dogs. They were afraid of what they had been told about the breed, but once meeting my dogs they realized how mislead their views had been.

My pitbull is a rescue from Texas. She was around 2 years old when she was turned into the shelter in Texas by a woman that said she had seen the dog being abused by a man so she took her to the shelter to keep her safe. Harley, my pitbull, had a broken legs and a broken jaw. From her broken jaw she lost some nerve/muscle control of her tongue. Her tongue now is always hanging out of her mouth. Regardless of how poorly she had been treated by humans, Harley has forgiven and forgotten her past.

I read that an issue Mayor Hancock had with lifting the ban had to do with that only 20% of Denver residents have registered their dogs. None of those residents are pitbull owners. The 80% of residents that have not registered their dogs do not own pitbulls so why are the pitbulls being punished for other dog owners not being responsible? Maybe instead of punishing the pitbulls for irresponsible owners, you might focus on how you can get Denver dog owners to act responsibly and register their non pitbull dogs?

Mayor Hancock, you are on the wrong side of history here. You are discriminating against these poor animals because of how they look. They are dogs just like the rest of the breeds, but you choose to discriminate against them because of how they look. This will not be forgotten. Your poor decision will not be forgotten. Your callousness about sending innocent dogs to death will not be forgotten. In 2023, your next election year, this will not be forgotten.

Thank you for your time,

Kay Thomason
Pitbull Parent and Advocate

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone