

San Diego, Calif
Aug 3 1933

The Councilmen of San Diego,

Dear Sirs: Before reading this letter, please excuse my typing.

Enclosed you will find some letters which I have received from strangers about the conditions under which a Female Police dog died at my house Sunday last.

The Dog came to my house about a month (more or less) ago. She had a bad case of what appeared to be Erysipelas, after consulting a veterinary I used germicidal soaps and was favored by what seemed to be a cure of the disease. This dog seemed to be injured in the back, as if she had been in an automobile accident or hit with something heavy, thereby causing a decided stiffness in the hindquarters. However she was able to walk and get around. She later, in spite of my efforts, got what I would call a bed sore on her left hip. Not to mention Ulcers in her mouth. I called a doctor and he said she had a good chance to live, if properly taken care of, which I did to the best of my ability and money.

The bed sore seemed to get better for a while then took a turn for the worse rather suddenly about eight pm Saturday last. I was out, Neighbors living in the same house took care of her until I returned. She became so ill about three AM that I was afraid she would disturb the Neighbors so I called the Humane society. They did not come. The next day (Sunday) at about 3 pm I finally got in touch with Mr Fox of the society and he offered to come the next morning to take care of her or take her away. He said that no one was available to come to her before 4 PM but that he would try and have some on call at that hour.

The animal's ENTIRE body was sore from something which made handling her in any way Pure torture. When talking to Mr Fox I told him of this extreme condition and asked him or his aids to Please Put her out of her Pain before attempting to lift her in to what ever conveyance they might use.

Mr Fox seemed to take this last as a refusal of his assistance. Possibly I was nervous, but so would any one else have been if they had listened to The Official screams of agony which the poor animal let out. She (The Dog) was on a back porch and the noise was so loud that I could scarcely hear Mr Fox at times.

Gentlemen, this dog did not have a license. I do not know to whom she belonged. I watched the papers for any lost or strayed animals of her description. I loved the animal as well as I could love any animal. I intended to get a license for her if she recovered. What more can I say except that something alive had to be tortured needlessly, and I understood that to put her out of her pain my self would be considered against the law and liable to a fine. How much worse this would be if it had been a humane being.

Thanking you I am
Mrs Laura Gastiger 106 Date St. San Diego Calif

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ALLEN H. WRIGHT City Clerk

Communication

From Mrs. Laura Gastiger

re Case for Dogs

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CHICAGO, ILL.
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F. M. LOCKWOOD
CITY MANAGER

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

August 5, 1933

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

GENTLEMEN:

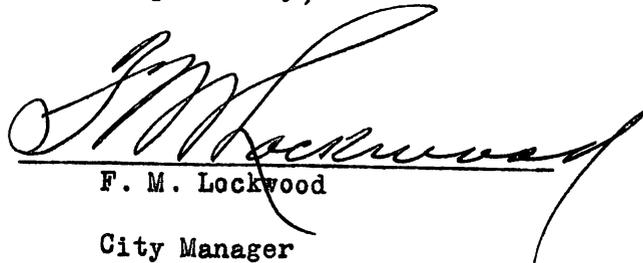
I am returning herewith letter from Mrs. Laura Gastiger regarding her complaint about the Humane Society.

I have contacted Dr. Fox on the matter and he says there is no record of a call from Mrs. Gastiger on Saturday afternoon but that there was a call about 3:00 P.M. Sunday and Mrs. Gastiger was informed that the Humane Society would call at 4:00 P.M.; but was informed their services would not be required at that time.

According to the letter, a veterinarian was in charge of the case. All this occurred prior to the time the City signed their contract with the Humane Society.

I recommend that the communication be filed.

Yours respectfully,


F. M. Lockwood
City Manager

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ALLEN H. WRIGHT, City Clerk
FRED W. SISK

By Deputy

COMMUNICATION

FROM

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Relative to Com. Item
Letter Contract for City of
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