

## Subject: Appreciation for Community Support and Call for Change in Animal Welfare Laws

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the community members who called ACC regarding the neglected German Shepherd. Your concern and action are crucial in ensuring the well-being of animals in our community. I also extend my gratitude to ACC for their prompt response.

However, I want to reiterate the persistent neglect that this German Shepherd endured for over a decade. Multiple reports were made to ACC and PETA since 2012 from me and other neighbors, expressing concerns about the dog's condition. My recent post on Nextdoor was an act of desperation, seeking help and guidance from our community.

I want to clarify that at no point did I advocate for any form of vigilante action, such as knocking on the dog owner's door. I believe in constructive community involvement, urging everyone to report concerns through proper channels like calling ACC.

While I appreciate ACC's response, I find the information provided to be misleading. After speaking personally with the captain of ACC Rebecca, who confirmed the dog's poor condition, it is disheartening to see the discrepancy in ACC's official statement.

Sadly, Duke, as we believe the dog was named, is no longer with us. Despite this, my commitment to seeking justice remains strong. It's disconcerting that the owners were able to keep their second dog without repercussions.

I urge our community to come together to address this issue. Let's use Duke's case as a catalyst for change, advocating for modifications to animal welfare laws in San Francisco. It's evident that existing laws need better enforcement. Our

collective efforts can make a significant impact and improve the lives of animals in our city.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's work towards a future where no animal has to suffer in silence.

Best,

Katherine