



Kevin J. Murphy  
City Manager

November 16, 2017

Mayor Edward Kennedy Jr.  
and  
Members of the City Council

RE: Appointment; Animal Advisory Committee

Dear Mayor Kennedy and Members of the City Council:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as City Manager under Mass. G.L. Ch. 140 §173 and Code of the City of Lowell Section 104-22.7, I am appointing Brian Dorrington as the Resident Non-Dog Owner, 200 Market Street, Unit 3216, Lowell, MA 01852 to the Animal Advisory Committee for a term expiring November 21, 2020.

I would be happy to answer any inquiry you may have concerning this appointment. I have attached his cover letter and resumé for your information.

Under the above-referenced ordinance, confirmation by the City Council is required and is hereby requested.


Very truly yours,

Kevin J. Murphy  
City Manager

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cc: City Clerk  
Lowell Police Dept.  
Human Relations  
Law Dept.  
City Auditor  
MIS

Brian Dorrington  
200 Market Street, Unit: 3216  
Lowell MA, 01852



Dear City Manager Kevin Murphy,

I am contacting you with great interest in joining the newly reestablished Animal Advisory Committee. I think I may be a perfect fit because of my unique perspective. I used to work as a trainer for *Protection Dogs Plus* specializing in training canines for personal protection. I've worked with German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois, Dobermans, Rottweilers, and Pit Bulls. I have experience in training not just the dogs, but also the owners.

In addition, I worked for *First Choice Canine* specializing in obedience training with an emphasis on working with aggressive dogs. Many times we were the "last hope" for dogs that had attacked owners, strangers or other dogs. We had great success in turning many of these dogs around. While I do not do this as a career anymore, I still work on and off with my previous employer and still have an interest in training as a hobby.

I have valuable first hand knowledge and experience in handling a variety of different breeds, all with very different temperaments. I've dealt with the most dangerous of dogs that had to be muzzled upon leaving their cages, as well as puppies who are just learning basic "sit" and "down" commands.

I have only been a Lowell homeowner and resident for two years but I have already developed a deep connection to the community and would love to volunteer my time and services. As a young professional and millennial, I feel it is important for my generation to become active in the community and have a voice on local boards and commissions. Please consider nominating me for appointment to the Animal Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

Brian Dorrington

# Brian Dorrington

200 Market Street

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## Experience

### Protection Dogs Plus

*Lead Trainer*

- Trained various breeds of dogs in personal protection, including German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois, Pit Bulls and Rottweilers
- Traveled around the country hand delivering personal protection dogs
- Taught new owners proper handling techniques during a 3 day intensive training program
- Acted as handler and decoy during training sessions
- Trained canines in advanced protection methods including off leash strikes, multiple attacker scenarios, armed perpetrator situations, carjacker attacks and various other advanced methods
- Home-boarded protection dogs enrolled in the training program
- Gave public demonstrations highlighting training techniques
- Treated canines for minor injuries

### First Choice Canine

*Lead Trainer*

- Taught general on and off leash obedience commands to baby, adult and senior canines
- Used behavior modification to address barking, chewing, anxiety (etc.)
- Worked to rehabilitate aggressive dogs
- Educated owners on proper handling techniques
- Taught canines advanced "tricks" including command synchronization, walking backwards, recalls, leg weaves and many more
- Bathed and groomed dogs enrolled in the boarding program
- Cleaned and maintained boarding kennel

## Education

BA

*Emerson College*

Media Studies