

Hi, we are Jed and Angella Taylor, long time Santaquin residents and we are here today to voice some concerns we have about Brian and Deanna Fisher's request to have a Hobby License.

I'm not a public speaker by any means so please forgive me.

We're here to speak of the things we've witnessed being next door neighbors of the Fishers and my goal is to get justice and help for the animals in their home. Soon after the Fisher's moved in, this was around 2019 we noticed that Thor was outside in the extreme winter weather with only a small plastic doghouse, and he was quickly becoming emaciated. We had even heard Brian tell Thor "I f*cking hate you". Instead of asking the Fisher's about it because we didn't want any problems, we started feeding him and making sure he had water.

I had also given him a blanket. It was soon noticed though and as I went to feed him one morning someone had put a metal wire hanger through his dog kennel latch to prevent me from getting into feed Thor. I took pictures of Thor's emaciated body and should have called the police at that time. I messed up. I regret not calling, but I'm not a confrontational person and I liked the Fisher's and didn't want issues.

Our approach was to befriend the Fisher's and hope that the animals would start being treated better while keeping an eye on the situation as best as we could. We started noticing that the dogs were being left in the summer heat without water often. I would see the kids bring out a Pyrex measuring cup at a time for them once in a while. Animals need way more water than that in our summer heat. Most of the kennels didn't provide shade from the sun either. If the animals weren't out in their kennels, we could hear them in the salon room in those kennels barking like crazy, to the point of you could tell they needed help.

Last summer we noticed Thor wasn't coming out of his doghouse at all and we could smell something. He was out on his chain on Father's Day and I could see a large abscess wound on his throat and tremendous amount of swelling. I texted Deanna and they came home acting as if they didn't know what could possibly be wrong, full of concern. That wound took a while to become that bad. Why wasn't it treated earlier? Again I didn't call the police.

At the end of May this year Thor escaped his dog kennel and

came over to our yard whimpering and the smell was horrible.

His shock collar was so tight it had grown into his throat and neck. It took a bit of effort to pull it out of him and the smell was something like I've never smelled before. I called dispatch at that time. Enough was enough. Officer Lowahn responded and the Fisher's were given a notice of some sort where they had to take the dog to the vet and then provide proof that it had been done. I'm sure there is a police report on record.

There have been other instances and we can go over them if needed. Giving them a Hobby License would enable them to keep those animals and do whatever they want with them where no one can see the damage. The abuse and neglect I've spoken about happened outside where neighbors can see so it's concerning to me what could happen behind closed doors. I'm no longer going to be silent. I'm here to speak for Thor. I've asked the Santaquin police for several follow ups and I'm still waiting. I'm standing before you today asking for your help. What I have witnessed is abuse and I will speak up.

1. Chain Thor up in the sticker weeds with no shade and very little if any water.
2. Max put in kennel in the summer heat, winter cold, rain, blizzard with no doghouse or protection from the elements.
3. We've seen the kids tell Dexter to "sit" which he does and then go up and kick him the ribs as hard as they can.
Where are they learning this from? It also was on the front lawn in clear sight of everyone so what goes on behind closed doors?
4. Bently was left out in the hot sun with no protection several days in a row and then mysteriously died.
5. On many occasions it seemed like Thor was in his kennel not barking or anything when all of a sudden, he lets out a horrible scream because he's getting shocked by his collar. We've seen Brian stand there and shock him. That is animal abuse.
6. The room where the animals are mostly located used to be a hair salon. It's small, probably 8ft-12ft ish. We can hear dogs barking for help often. I hardly ever see them being taken out for exercise or potty breaks. They are in those crates for hours each day

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