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TO: Bloomfield Board of Health

RE: Jeff Coltenback

NJ Aid for Animals (a 501c3 corporation founded in 2005) is a no kill animal charity whose mission is to enrich the lives of domestic animals through programs which include wellness, humane education and spay and neuter with a focus on impoverished communities. We also report animal abuse and pursue justice for victims.

I am certified in the State of NJ as an Animal Control Officer and Animal Cruelty Investigator but not currently employed as one. I do however have the distinct title of the only private citizen in State of NJ to get a cruelty conviction on another private citizen without the help of humane law enforcement or police. In my rescue, we work closely with Camden City officials and also facilitate classes on how the private citizen can recognize and report animal cruelty for successful prosecution.

NJAFA has been associated with Mr. Coltenback since 2011 when he took into his care custody and control two dogs we surrendered to him that I personally took from an abusive situation in Camden City, NJ. We surrendered both dogs knowing Mr. Coltenback is a fully qualified trainer, rescuer and animal advocate.

Since then, I attended his Leash Anxiety Workshop along with myriad of respected trainers from all over United States there for observation. Also in attendance were actual participants who were owners of mainly American Staffordshire's who all suffered from leash anxiety

Due to the success of the workshop, NJAFA asked Mr. Coltenback to organize a similar seminar in the S. Jersey area again with largest number of attendees being American Staffordshire owners who had been through every trainer to no avail. Like the first Workshop, at the end, all dogs including one "game" dog were able to sit calmly at end of leash.

Mr. Coltenback is a respected trainer and responsible dog owner. What makes him stand out is he is adamant with those within his sphere of influence to follow the protocol and rules of proper handling of animals that are unpredictable. Whether in his shop or a class, when animals are present, it is not a free for all but an organized and effective flow of safe handling procedures of all the animals.



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As in his workshops, safety is always number one and a glance, a touch, a look, a finger in the air, is enough to “signal” those around him to stand back, come forward, look away, distract, vis a vis, always a controlled and structured environment which makes me feel safe particularly when my insurance is covering the event.

I would not hesitate to surrender or give care, custody and control to Mr.Coltenback not only of any of the animals we have within our rescue but even my personal animals. Please consider this individual for the same with Memphis.

For further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kathy McGuire

President