

**REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS**

	<p><b>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</b></p> <p><b>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: The Dog Legislation Office, Devon and Cornwall Police Constabulary</b></p>
1	<p><b>CORONER</b></p> <p>I am Andrew Cox, HM Senior Coroner for the coroner area of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.</p>
2	<p><b>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</b></p> <p>I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013.</p>
3	<p><b>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</b></p> <p>On 17/9/21, I concluded an inquest into the death of Frankie Gray Macritchie, who died at Caravan 72, Tencreek Holiday Park in West Looe on 13/4/19. Frankie was 9 years old.</p> <p>The medical cause of death was recorded as:</p> <p>1a) Exsanguination 1b) Multiple dog bites.</p> <p>I recorded a Narrative Conclusion that Frankie died from injuries inflicted in a dog attack.</p>
4	<p><b>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</b></p> <p>Frankie had gone to the caravan park with his mother, [REDACTED], on holiday. They had joined a lady called [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] owned a 5-year-old male American bulldog crossed with a Staffordshire bull terrier [REDACTED]. it weighed 45 kilogrammes.</p> <p>Frankie was left unsupervised with the dog in the early hours of 13 April by his mother. He was attacked by the dog and died from the injuries he suffered.</p> <p>Subsequent investigations by the police have revealed the dog was involved in two incidents in October 2016 and a further incident in August 2018 when a child was bitten. While both incidents in 2016 were reported to police, it is believed that the incident in 2018 was not.</p> <p>The obvious concern that came out of the inquest was that, had the incidents in 2016 being investigated differently, this tragic outcome could have been avoided.</p>
5	<p><b><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></b></p> <p>During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you.</p> <p>The <b>MATTERS OF CONCERN</b> are as follows. –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- That reports of dog attacks are fully investigated and, where appropriate, a dog is euthanised to try and reduce the risks of further and more serious incidents.</li> </ul>

6	<p><b>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</b></p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you [AND/OR your organisation] have the power to take such action.</p> <p>You may wish to consider the extent to which the reported dog attacks in 2016 were investigated. You may wish to take steps to ensure there is now a robust process in place that means all reported dog attacks are appropriately investigated and dealt with.</p>
7	<p><b>YOUR RESPONSE</b></p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 14/11/21. I, the coroner, may extend the period.</p> <p>Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed.</p>
8	<p><b>COPIES and PUBLICATION</b></p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [and to the LOCAL SAFEGUARDING BOARD (as the deceased was under 18)].</p> <p>I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.</p> <p>The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.</p>
9	<p><b>[DATE] 17/9/21 [SIGNED BY CORONER]</b></p> 