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Wortham v. City of Chicago Dept. of Administrative Hearings

Appellate Court of Illinois, First District, Fifth Division - May 1, 2015 - N.E.3d - 2015 IL App (1st) 131735

Dog owner sought administrative review of ALJ's determination that dog owner's three Rottweilers were dangerous animals. The Circuit Court affirmed. Dog owner appealed.

The Appellate Court held that:

- City ordinance defining dangerous animal did not provide for defense of provocation where a dog provoked another dog, and
- ALJ's consideration of witness's testimony about prior altercation between one Rottweiler and witness's dog did not deprive dog owner of right to fair hearing.

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