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Subject **Dangerous Dogs Regulation**

Dear Ms Leung

I refer to your letter faxed to me to-day together with a copy of a letter from Mr Liu.

I spoke to Mr Liu on Friday of last week and he told me about the proposal to exempt, under section 17 of the main Ordinance, dogs which have passed a test or examination - to demonstrate that they will remain under control in a range of day-to-day live situations.

I consider that this is a sensible suggestion as it is in every owner's interest to ensure his dogs are under control in order that they, the owners, do not incur civil liability in the event that their dogs cause damage to people or property. Most owners should take pride in knowing that their animals are properly controlled. I said as much to Mr Liu, with the proviso that the test should not be so difficult to pass that only full time trained dogs like police dogs are able to pass it.

If the idea of a test is accepted, I question whether only large dogs as defined in the draft regulation should be required to pass it. I note Mr Liu's comments about a large dog delivering a bite to a child about the child's face or neck. Conversely a small dog might bite an arm, hand or leg and could also do permanent damage to a child. It would seem

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equally desirable that dogs of less than 20 kilograms should be properly trained and therefore that they should also take a test or examination.

Regards