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Dear Mr. Rush:

Many thanks for the copy of your dangerous animal ordinance last June. Tulare County adopted an ordinance patterned after yours and it has been implemented with no major problems.

I added two clauses of my own to the recent drafting efforts. One, a definition of "attack", was included in our new ordinance. A copy is enclosed. The other is an attempt to reach the owners of de facto guard dogs which pose a problem for unsuspecting trespassors or invitees, especially children. A copy of this clause, entitled "Dogs Guarding Unenclosed Property" is also enclosed. It was not adopted because the board of supervisors expressed a desire to save it for a comprehensive look at guard dog regulation.

We are in the process of drafting a guard dog ordinance. Any sample ordinances or regulations you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again for your kind assistance.

Very truly yours,

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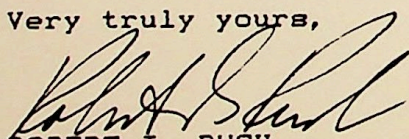
Dear Mr. Mace:

You are to be congratulated on the passage of Tulare County's "Dangerous Dog" ordinance, and certainly, if we helped in any way, I am pleased. It was thoughtful of you to send a copy of your new ordinance for our information.

For more than a year we have had a "Guard Dog" ordinance in the City of Los Angeles, and at your request, are enclosing a copy for your perusal. I have also enclosed a news release which explains to the press the need for such an ordinance. Inasmuch as reference is made contrasting the "Guard Dog" ordinance with our "Sentry Dog" ordinance, I have enclosed a booklet setting forth the requirements for a Sentry Dog permit application for your comparison.

I wish you continued success in the passage of effective animal care and control laws, and again, if we can help in any way, please let us know.

Very truly yours,


ROBERT I. RUSH,
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