

**BEFORE THE Illinois Pollution Control Board**

<b>ANNA ANDRUSHKO</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Complainant</b>	)	
	)	<b>PCB 23 – 133</b>
<b>v.</b>	)	
	)	
<b>THOMAS EGAN</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Respondent</b>	)	

**RESPONDENT'S SUPPLEMENTAL ANSWERS TO INTERROGATORIES**

NOW COMES the Respondent, Thomas Egan, by and through his attorneys, Walsh, Fewkes & Sterba, and for his supplemental answers to the Formal Interrogatories filed by Complainant, herein states as follows:

1. Who is answering questions to these Interrogatories?
  - a. State your full name, present address, prior address, marital status.
  - b. Who resides at 9311 S. Spaulding Avenue? Full Names and relationship.

**Answer:**

- a. Thomas Egan, 9311 S. Spaulding Ave., Evergreen Park, IL and unmarried.
  - b. Thomas Egan and my girlfriend, Joyce Schramm.
2. Please state whether you are the owner of the dog. If you are not the owner of the dog, please identify who is the owner of the dog.

**Answer:** Yes

3. Information about the dog. Please state the following:

**Answer:**

- a. Irish Terrier
  - b. Will be 4 years old in September.
  - c. 35 lbs.
  - d. I did.
  - e. Purchased from breeder.

f. – i. Objection. Requests information that is not relevant and will not lead to relevant information.

4. What stimulation do you have available in your yard to keep your dog occupied outside?

**Answer:** Respondent is unclear on legal definition of application of “stimulation.”

My dog likes to play with rubber balls.

5. Please indicate whether it is your custom and practice to keep your dog in your yard at all times or when? Do you let your dog out after dark?

**Answer:** My dog is never out without someone being in the yard with him.

6. Do you provide basic health and welfare to eliminate disturbing the neighbors? Please list, such as adequate food, water, shelter, yard space, companionship for the dog?

**Answer:** Yes, I provide adequate food, water, shelter, yard space and companionship for my dog.

7. How do you keep things interesting? Have plenty of chew toys for your dog to play with? Raw bones, toys, chew ropes, etc? Provide documentation.

**Answer:** Objection. Requests information that is not relevant and will not lead to relevant information.

8. Is your dog trained? Do you provide training? Do you teach boundaries? Please explain. Provide documentation.

**Answer:** Respondent has no documentation regarding any formal training.

9. Dogs are territorial and don't take kindly to other critters invading their space, such as roaming bands of feral cats, racoons, squirrels, etc. How do you resolve your dog from barking and annoying the neighbors? What steps (doggie door, muzzles, electronic collars, landscape) have you taken to eliminate the barking behavior during the day that will disturb the neighbors?

**Answer:** No other neighbor has ever complained about my dog barking. When the dog barks at Petitioner, I try to remove him.

10. Common causes of dog barking include: dislikes being left alone, frustration, guarding instinct, attention seeking, frightened, boredom, or excitement. Do you provide daily exercise? Please explain.

**Answer:** Yes, I provide daily exercise for a 35 pound Irish terrier.



11. Give a detailed statement of the facts as to how you argue that the noise pollution (music, honking of car horns aimed at the complainant when passing by her, dog barking at complainant) took place since May 1, 2020, to include any facts and documents upon which you intend to rely upon in support of any defense.

**Answer:** Respondent denies noise pollution.

12. Please state all actions that you have taken to prevent the re-occurrence of your dog from barking at the complainant and animals in her yard, while the dog is running along the fence, and jumping in attempt to gain access over the fence, since acquiring your dog and prior to April 18, 2024, when the hearing officer requested reports and witnesses and respondent was on notice.

**Answer:** Respondent attempts to remove dog from any situation to prevent the re-occurrence of the dog from barking at the complainant and animals in her yard.

13. Are you aware there are rules and regulations for noise? What are the rules you are aware of? Please explain in support of any defense how you argue.

**Answer:** Objection. Question is unclear and irrelevant and will not lead to relevant information.

14. Have you made the statement to anyone that "you wanted advice about how to deal with a bad neighbor?" Please explain your statement.

**Answer:** Objection. Not relevant to a noise complaint.

15. Have you made the statement to the complainant, "I hope you die! I hope you die today." Please explain your statement.

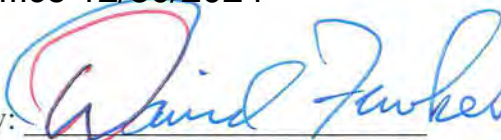
**Answer:** Objection. Not relevant to a noise complaint.

16. Have you made the statement that "the whole block probably does" (after making the statement I hope you die, hope you die today)? Please explain your statement.

**Answer:** Objection. Not relevant to a noise complaint.

Investigation continues as to all questions and Respondent reserves the right to amend his answers as information becomes available.

WHEREFORE, Respondent asks that Petitioner's complaint be dismissed and held for naught.

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**CERTIFICATION**

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in the instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief, and as to matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true and correct.

  
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Thomas Egan