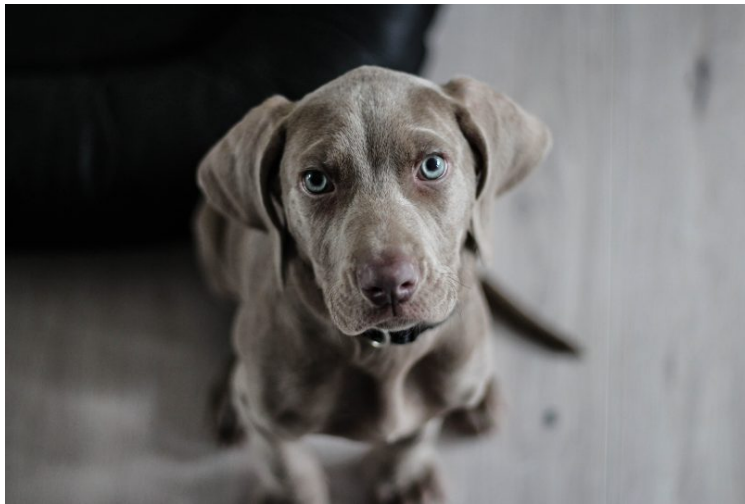


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A Dog Named "COPPER," Worth Loving But
Worth Fighting Over?



Greetings!

I thought this month I should write to you in a lighter vein, but this discussion often has ramifications for those of my clients living in Common Law Relationships. For those who are married, the law is different, and a King Solomon-like decision might be necessary when it comes to Copper!

Glen and Sharon's loving common law relationship turned into one of such hatred that they attended in court unrepresented and went at each other hammer and tong as the expression goes. They fought over division of their washer and dryer, their dining room table and chairs, their security safe, Sharon's removal from Glen's health care plan, for the return to Glen of Sharon's engagement ring and most bitterly over Copper.

Glen claimed that Copper was a gift to him from Sharon and that he loved Copper and wanted him back. Not surprisingly Sharon's position was that she paid for Copper and he was her

dog and in no way gave him to Glen.

The court found that Glen could not prove the three elements necessary to prove a gift: intention, delivery and acceptance. Accordingly, the court dismissed Glen's claim for Copper.

In my experience, a cohabitation agreement that both parties are behind and keep accurate records of purchases made during the relationship, makes for the best Common Law Relationship.

You may read the full Case by clicking [here](#).

If I can help you with this or any other subject, please feel free to contact me at: howard@dymont.com or call 416-861-0087