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Appearing as Pro Se

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

DA 25-0068

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:

RAVEN ROSE SCHLINGER,
Petitioner and Appellee,

And

APPELLANT'S REPLY TO
APPELLEE'S RESPONSE

RUSSELL TODD SEAL,
Respondent and Appellant.

I, Appellant Russell Todd Seal, files this reply to Appellee's
Response.

Appellee's response included ascertains and statements that are
completely irrelevant to the matter at hand. I am only appealing the District
Court's decision to award the dog Tank, and other aspects of the marital
property distribution, to me; the other statements made in Appellee's
response should be disregarded by this Court.

With the ongoing dispute of the distribution of marital property throughout the dissolution proceedings in District Court, the Court appointed Guardian ad litem, Sarah Corbally, to provide the Court with a Special Master Report to Court and Special Master Report to Court Amendment to Recommendations. The Court awarded property to the Petitioner and Respondent, me, according to the filed report and amendment to report. The Special Master recommended in her amended report that Petitioner/Appellee receive the 1999 Denali and Tank the dog, and that I, the Respondent/Appellant, receive the 2001 Suburban. The reason she recommended that Petitioner/Appellee be awarded Tank the dog, is because Tank's vet records from 2021 to 2023 were in Appellee's name. However, I dispute this reasoning and therefore bring this matter before this Court.

During our marriage and relationship, Appellee did not work and did not bring in any meaningful income. I, on the other hand, worked fulltime and brought in a fulltime income. I paid for everything in the relationship, including Tank's vet bills. I gave the Appellee the cash to pay for Tank's vet bills. Furthermore, the reason Appellee brought Tank to the vet and the reason the vet records are in her name, is because I was recovering from a severe knee injury and knee surgery, which happened before I purchased Tank. Then, during my recovery of my knee injury and after my purchase of Tank, I suffered an injury to my foot in an ATV wreck, to which also took some time to recover. Consequently, Raven took Tank to the vet from November 2021 to September 2022, because I could not drive due to my injuries and recovery, as evidenced in the vet records, which is the same time frame in which I suffered my injuries.

I am attaching statements (Exhibits A, B, and C) from close friends to attest to the fact that I paid for everything in the relationship and that I paid for Tank's vet bills, and that Tank has always belonged to me.

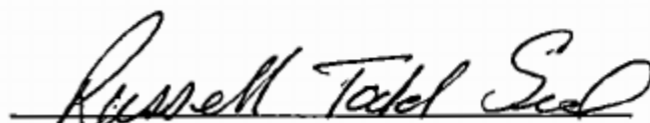
Not only did I pay for the vet bills for Tank, but I also have a Bill of Sale that names me as the buyer, the owner, of Tank, which was previously acknowledged by the Guardian ad litem/Special Master in her report and by the District Court.

Lastly, the dog Tank should be transferred to me because it has come to light that the Appellee is now homeless and living in a tent. She is heard in a TikTok video saying that they "do not have power," as her son, a minor, is taking hits off of some sort of vape. She cannot adequately care for a dog, and she certainly cannot afford further care with the vet, and to my knowledge, has not taken Tank to the vet since September 24, 2022, the last vet visit she took Tank to during our relationship.

If this Court does not agree that I be awarded Tank, then I propose the following amendment to the property distribution.

1. Appellee Raven Rose Schlinger pay to the Appellant Rusell Todd Seal, the money it cost to buy Tank, according to the Bill of Sale, in the amount of \$2,500.00.

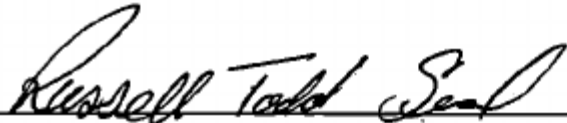
Respectfully submitted this 7th day of July, 2025.


Russell Todd Seal,
Appellant

VERIFICATION AND AFFIRMATION

I swear that everything stated in this reply to Appellee's response is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

DATED this 7th day of July, 2025.



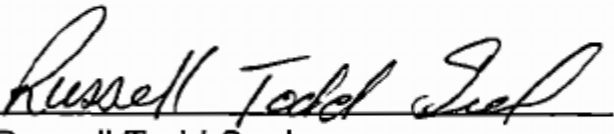
Russell Todd Seal

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Russell Todd Seal, certify that a copy of this reply and accompanying exhibits were filed with the Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court on July 7, 2025, and mailed to Appellee at the address below on July 7, 2025.

Raven Schlinger
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DATED this 7th day of July, 2025.



Russell Todd Seal,
Appellant