



Agenda

Public Safety Committee

Oelwein City Hall, 20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein, Iowa

5:30 PM

February 28, 2022

Oelwein, Iowa

Mayor: Brett DeVore

Mayor Pro Tem: Lynda Payne

Council Members: Karen Seeders, Tom Stewart, Matt Weber, Dave Garrigus, Dave Lenz

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Discussion of vicious animal appeal of Dow and Rohrick.

Adjournment

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Jeremy P. Logan
Chief of Police

Date: 01/31/2022

Briana Dow
721 2nd St NW
Oelwein, Iowa 50662

Dear Ms. Dow:

This letter is to formally advise you that your dog that you possess, a tan Lab/Pit mix named Tango is in violation of Section 19-26 of the Oelwein City Code. This section specifically describes and outlines procedures for the handling of vicious dogs.

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Therefore, you are hereby directed, that within five (5) days of receiving this notice, excluding Saturday & Sunday, you shall:

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You do have the right to appeal this declaration to the Oelwein City Council. That appeal needs to be made, in writing, within five (5) days, exclusive of Saturdays & Sundays and delivered to Oelwein City Hall, 20 2nd Ave S.W., Oelwein, Iowa 50662. If no notice of appeal is received within this time frame, it will be deemed that the appeal is waived. *An appeal of this declaration is separate from any possible pending court action that may be required for charges filed for, including but not limited to, Dog At Large, Disturbing the Public Quiet etc... Citations/charges will be addressed in magistrate court. The appeal of this declaration will be addressed by the Oelwein City Council.

If the vicious dog is not registered, removed or destroyed or if no appeal is received within five days, the City of Oelwein will impound the dogs and assess the costs against you.

Thank you for your time and anticipated expeditious response to this matter.

Respectfully,



Officer Charity Heller
Oelwein Police Department

Enc. Vicious Animal Ordinance of the City of Oelwein.

Cc: Chief of Police, City Hall, File 22-002261

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Notwithstanding the definition of a vicious dog above, no dog may be declared vicious if an injury or damage is sustained by a person who, at the time such injury or damage was sustained, was committing a willful trespass or other tort upon premises occupied by the owner or keeper of the dog, or was teasing, tormenting, abusing or assaulting the dog or was committing or attempting to commit a crime.

No dog may be declared vicious if any injury or damage was sustained by a domestic animal which at the time such injury or damage was sustained was teasing, tormenting, abusing or assaulting the dog. No dog may be declared vicious if the dog was protecting or defending a human being within the immediate vicinity of the dog from an unjustified attack or assault.

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5. "Persons" means a natural person or any legal entity, including but not limited to, a corporation, firm, partnership or trust.

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In the event that the Animal Control Officer has probable cause to believe that a dog is vicious, said officer shall notify, in writing, by personal service or certified mail, the owner and keeper of said dog, that said dog has been declared a vicious dog.

The written notice shall include:

- 1. Description of the dog, to the extent possible;
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5. State that if the vicious dog has not been registered, removed or destroyed or if no appeal is requested within the five (5) days, exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays, the city will impound the dog and assess the costs against the owner and keeper of the dog.

SECTION 19-28. APPEALS.

Any owner or keeper of a dog that has been declared vicious may appeal to the City Council for review. The appeal must be in writing and received by the City Clerk within five (5) days, exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays, of the Animal Control Officers notice. The City Council shall, within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the appeal, fix the time and place of the hearing, which shall be within thirty days after the filing of the appeal. The City Council, after hearing such testimony and evidence as it may deem proper, shall render its decision. The decision of the City Council shall be final and the Animal Control Officer shall take such action as is necessary to carry out such decision.

In the event that the Animal Control Officer has probable cause to believe that the dog in question is vicious and may pose a threat of serious harm to human beings or other domestic animals, the Animal Control Officer may seize and impound the dog pending the appeal. The owner or keeper of the dog shall be liable to the City of Oelwein for the costs and expenses of keeping such dog if the dog is found to be a vicious dog.

SECTION 19-29. REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION.

1. No vicious dog shall be licensed by the City of Oelwein for any licensing period commencing after the effective date of this ordinance unless the owner or keeper of such vicious dog shall meet the following requirements:

A. The owner or keeper shall present to the city or town clerk or other licensing authority, proof that the owner or keeper has procured liability insurance issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Iowa, in the amount of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) covering any damage or injury which may be caused by such vicious dog during the twelve (12) month period for which licensing is sought, which policy shall contain a provision requiring the city or town to be named as additional insured for the sole purpose of the city or town clerk or other licensing authority where such dog is licensed to be notified by the insurance company of any cancellation, termination or expiration of the liability insurance policy.

B. The owner or keeper shall cause the vicious dog to be identified by means of a special blaze orange collar visible from a distance of 100 feet, which the dog must wear at all times.

C. The owner or keeper shall display a sign on his or her premises warning that there is a vicious dog on the premises. Said sign shall be visible and capable of being read from the public highway.

D. The owner or keeper shall sign a statement attesting that:

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3. The owner or keeper shall notify the licensing authority and the animal control warden immediately if a vicious dog is on the loose, is unconfined, has attacked another animal or has attacked a human being, or has died or has been sold or given away. If the vicious dog has been sold or given away the owner or keeper shall also provide the licensing authority with the name, address and telephone number of the new owner of the vicious dog.

2. The Animal control Officer is hereby empowered to make whatever inquiry is deemed necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter, and any such officer is hereby empowered to seize and impound any vicious dog whose owner or keeper fails to comply with the provisions hereof.

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In the event that the owner or keeper of the dog refuses to surrender the animal to the officer, the officer may request a police officer to obtain a search warrant to seize the dog upon execution of the warrant.

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Date: 01/31/2022

Nathaniel Rohrick
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City Council Members:

Item 1.

I am writing this letter in regards to the dogs Shadow and Tango and asking you to appeal your decision.

I am aware of the incident that occurred and want to apologize for what happened. I am willing to pay for any damages and replace the rabbit that was attacked. I understand that we have been having problems with them getting loose but that is not because they break their chains or that we let them out the door without a leash. They get loose from others outside the home not paying attention when they come through the door and we are taking measures to stop that. We have even discussed enclosing our front porch this spring to make sure we have a 2nd door as a safety precaution. So we won't have any further instances

The two dogs are not aggressive like people have put them out to be.

They are protective and cautious. And both dogs have reasons for it. They both have been attacked in the past which has damaged and hurt them both.

Last Easter Shadow was attacked and had an axe put in her back.

And our third dog at the time disappeared. Complaints were made and the police did nothing. She had to get ~~re~~ stitched up twice by the Independence Veterinarian.

And in October of last year, Tango came inside and his eye was swollen shut and bleeding. He is now blind in his right eye. We still don't know what happened to him.

And also, I know it's not an excuse but it's in any dog's instinct to chase and attack animals such as rabbits and squirrels. All breeds ~~and~~ of dogs will act that way. Any expert will say that. It's the natural law of order

It is very hard for rabbits and dogs to get along even in the same household.

Dogs by nature are predators and rabbits ~~are~~ by nature are what is considered prey. Experts even say

if you wanted both types of animal in the same home, the real only way for them to co exist is for them to be introduced while they are babies.

So it could of happened if the owner of the rabbit had dogs living with them.

My dogs didnt bite another person, or another dog or even someones cat.

And as I stated I'm willing to pay for the damages and replace the rabbit.

Now how my dogs really are are loving and sympathetic and gentle.

Shadow is like a therapy dog for Nathaniel. Nathaniel has a lot of health issues and Shadow helps him through it. He has been looking into getting her certified for it. He goes in and out

the hospital often and while he is away on longer stays she watches out the window for him and mopes around the house depressed. And the days Nathaniel comes home from longer stays at the hospital its like Shadow knows and she becomes excited watching for him. And right before she can even see him coming down the road she starts whining and howling and jumping at the door to shower him with affection the second he walks through the door.

Tango on the other hand identifies a 5 year old child as his owner. He has been attached to a 5 year old little boy since he was born. Tango isnt even 2 years old yet, so he is still considered a puppy himself. Tango is curious about everything and doesnt know better quite yet. He is still learning. But he knows what time that little boy comes from school everyday and announces to everyone

in the house when that time arrives.
He sleeps next to him or where he can
watch to make sure that little boy
stays safe.

So please reconsider your decision
on these two dogs. I can assure you
an incident like this will never
happen again. We are more than
happy to follow whatever guidelines
that would be made.

Thank you for your time

Brian Dow
Briana Dow

Nathaniel Roberts

Item 1.

I am writing to tell you that I'm
Sorry for what Shadow and Tango did.
I'm willing to buy them people a new
rabbit. We have been trying hard to
keep them in the house. Sometimes they
run to the door when people come over
and there not paying attention and the
dogs slip out the door. They are two
loving dogs and get along with people and
children. I have shadow all up to date
on shots and everthing threw Independence
veteranarian clinic she had Surgery down
there on her back and it was from a
axle handle in her back. She has her
rabies & vax done on her. If you guys let
me keep her I will try so hard to pay
more attention to ~~or~~ her. And tango too.
I love them dogs alot and I would
apreciate if you let me keep them.
I have alot of health problems and
them dogs mean the world to me.

And whatever you guys determine I will follow through any guide lines I have to go through to keep them. And I will be there on march first for my court date. We have recently went to get them new chains and collars. And in the near future we make sure that all both of the dogs are better for the community.

Please let us keep the dogs shadow and tango if they it would hurt me to see them go. Ive had shadow for four yrs now never bit no one I just want you to know Im trying and not letting them run on purpose.

please consider us keeping them please. We are so sorry for what has happened I will buy a new rabbit if I have too. Thank you for your time and reading my letter.

Please find it in your hearts to not remove (Shadow) black lab pit mix

Nathaniel Robrick's Dog is a black lab/pitbull, dog. Nathaniel and Shadow have a unbelievable bond. I Theresa Woodson helped Nathaniel look for a Dog after a couple weeks deciding that was what he wanted. Nathaniel wasn't 100% percent sure at first knowing the responsibility of being a dog owner. He had a lot of what if's. After pick out her named (Pet owner of shadow was Deb

her Shadow Base / other wise known to me be (Mamma Soen) cuz of having to back us of puppies 12 each time. Shadow was a great Mother. Much time Nathaniel had any problem finding good home for them

I Theresa Woodson is asking to not remove shadow for all of these reasons

1. Nathaniel has had health problem in life he not able to have children of his own. Shadow fills that empty spot for him. She is his baby, my grand doggie.
2. When looking into this case there are 2 Dogs. 2 very different dogs. Shadow is one of the best dogs a person could own. Shadow not a summer only if Tango is unvoted. Shadow will not leave the yard as long as she is outside by her self. Never has bitten anyone. one on one Shadow is a amazing Dog

To sum up this letter:

Shadow Rose is an amazing dog. Shadow isn't just any dog. She is a medal dog. Nathaniel Rohrick's health depends on this dog. Shadow to Nathaniel is his child.

Nobody will or replace shadow in Nathaniel's heart. He has Cupid Morning to Night making leave his heart broken. Removing shadow from Nathaniel will cause health problems.

Shadow is Nathaniel's world. Nathaniel loves this dog more than some humans love each other.

You agree both dogs are too much.

You Tango / Shadow's puppee is also amazing but very different behavior habits.

Remove one dog. ^{isn't right but it would} ^{make} the differences with the problems that are happening.

Removing shadow is wrong. At least give it a chance and let one dog stay if not both.

Shadow Rose is a medal dog and Nathaniel only wants to live at home because of her.

Others that cause

Theresa Woodson

City Council members

This letter is about the two dogs that supposedly killed a rabbit on the west side. I'm not trying to justify this. Shadow & Tango are family.

No one lets them out to run, unless they do get out it's when they are carrying in groceries or what not. Shadow my brother's dog and his his world.

The brown one Tango is my son's dog my son raised him from a pup. Tango is also my best friend. We would be glad to pay for damages to rabbit cage & for a new rabbit and are willing to take measures to keep this from happening again. So please City Council members reconciled your decision for my brother's and son's dog.
 Thanks, Joshua Polnick