

IN THE CITY OF APPLETON,  
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY,  
STATE OF WISCONSIN

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CITY OF APPLETON  
A Wisconsin Municipal Corporation

Petitioner,

v.

Brandon Werth & Shayna Vanden Heuvel  
As owner of, ZUES (Mastiff/Shepherd, Male, Brown, L-, R+ 9/27/2025 Country Side Vet #222287)

Respondent.

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**ORDER DECLARING, ZUES (Mastiff/Shepherd, Male, Brown, L-, R+ 9/27/2025 Country Side Vet #222287) AS A PROHIBITED DANGEROUS ANIMALS**

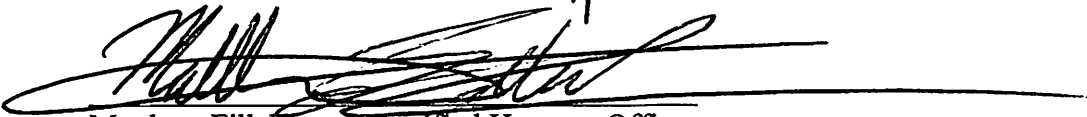
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As the owner and/or caretaker of the above-named animal(s), you are hereby notified that the City of Appleton has declared that the above-named animals is a prohibited dangerous animal pursuant to the City of Appleton's Municipal Code 3-134.

Because these animals have been declared as Prohibited Dangerous Animals, you are further notified that you must immediately comply with the requirements of City of Appleton Municipal Code Section 3-134(a). You may arrange for the animal to be held outside of the City, or the animal will be confined, pursuant to 3-134(b)(3).

This order remains in effect, even if appealed, until modified or withdrawn. This order is in effect for the lifetime of the animal.

SO ORDERED, this 3 day of April, 2023 at 9:00 am/pm.

  
Matthew Fillebrown, Certified Humane Officer  
Appleton Police Dept. City of Appleton, WI

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (respondent's printed name), acknowledge receipt of this order and understand the contents of the order, including the time limits if I wish to appeal.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPEAL RIGHTS ARE TIME-SENSITIVE:**

If you or any other owner or caretaker of the above-named animals wishes to contest the attached Order, **within 72 hours YOU MUST deliver to the Health Officer a written objection** to the order stating specific reasons for contesting the order. Failure to timely file an objection will result in your forfeiture of the right to appeal this Order.

The health officer Chuck Stertz with the City of Appleton Health Department can be reached at:

**Chuck Stertz**  
100 North Appleton Street  
Appleton, WI 54911

Phone: 920-832-6429  
Fax: 920-832-5853  
Email: [Chuck.Stertz@appleton.org](mailto:Chuck.Stertz@appleton.org)

I have enclosed copies of the City of Appleton Municipal Ordinances pertaining to this matter. Please review and comply with City of Appleton Municipal Code Section sections 3-1, 3-2, 3-131, 3-132, 3-133, and 3-134.

If you have any further question, please contact the City of Appleton Health Department.

Sincerely,

**Matt Fillebrown**  
Lead CSO #9563 / Humane Officer  
Appleton Police Department

Enclosures:  
Order  
City of Appleton Municipal Code Sections 3-1, 3-2, 3-131, 3-132, 3-133, 3-134

CC: Captain Lewis, Appleton Police Department, ACA Zak Buruin, Appleton City Attorney's Office, and Health Officer Chuck Stertz, Health Department

4/3/23

Brandon Werth and Shayna Vanden Heuvel

**RE: DECLARATION AND ORDER OF PROHIBITED DANGEROUS ANIMAL**

Please let this letter and the attached order serve as your notice that the City of Appleton's Humane Officer has formally declared your animals, **ZUES (Mastiff/Shepherd, Male, Brown, L-, R+9/27/2025 Country Side Vet #222287)** as a **Prohibited Dangerous Animals**, pursuant to the City of Appleton Municipal Code, Section 3-134.

I have declared your animal(s), **ZUES**, as a prohibited dangerous animal after conducting my investigation, which is summarized below:

- On 4/1/23 the Appleton Police Department was called to investigate an Animal Bite vs a child at 2018 S. Greenview St Appleton, WI 54915. After the investigation it was determined that this bite was unprovoked. The Bodily Harm caused by Zeus was severe. The victim needed 20+ stiches to have her lacerations closed. (REF. #A23015342).

Due to **Zues causing serious bodily harm on a person** (REF. #A23015342), **ZUES (Mastiff/Shepherd, Male, Brown, L-, R+ 9/27/2025 Country Side Vet #222287)** has been declared as a Prohibited Dangerous Animals that should be prohibited within the City of Appleton.

**IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUIRED:**

Because **ZUES (Mastiff/Shepherd, Male, Brown, L-, R+ 9/27/2025 Country Side Vet #222287)** has been declared as Prohibited Dangerous Animals, you must not bring the animals into or keep the animals within the City of Appleton. You must immediately comply with this order, pursuant to City of Appleton Municipal Ordinance 3-134. You may arrange for the animals to be held outside of the City of Appleton, or the animals will be confined subject to Wis. Stat. 173.21. The pertinent section of the municipal code is attached to this document. This order is intended to protect against injurious results to human beings and domestic pets caused by unprovoked attacks by your animals.