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Dear Mr. Eggebrecht,

6/6/2019

I am writing to contest the Declaration and Order of Dangerous Animal conferred upon our dog Snap by order of the City of Appleton's Humane Officer.

Snap is a rescue dog that we have had for 5 years. She was adopted on 4/25/2014 from New Pawsabilities Animal Rescue in Oshkosh, WI. We do not know under what conditions she survived prior to her rescue, though we were told she came from Kentucky, that she was severely malnourished upon rescue and that she had several puppies, 3 of whom were rescued with her. For all we know she may have been used as a bait dog. She was still quite filthy and was bathed immediately upon bringing her home. The bath revealed many scars on her legs, ears and face.

She has resided here at this address since her adoption date without incident, until May 24, 2018. That incident was initially determined to be Animal at Large by the investigating officer. A supervisor later added the Molestation violation. No persons or other animals were injured. She was enticed by the smell of a brat fry down the street and took off running when Jeffrey let her out of the yard to go back to the house.

Regarding the incident that occurred 5/26/2019, it was inaccurately reported that Snap jumped the gate. The gate was mistakenly left open by a neighbor who entered the yard to chat with Jeffrey.

The other dog involved in the attack on our property has demonstrated aggressive behavior toward other dogs it encounters on its walks. We have witnessed this on several occasions as the owners have walked it past our property. Lunging, growling, barking and snapping. If not for the harness they would have no control of that animal at all. Snap did rush at it from what I understand, but not entirely unprovoked. That dog did not sustain any wounds, nor did its owner. People who tried to help break up the fight when it had Snap by the ear and would not let go, were bitten by that dog. Snap sustained wounds to her ear that required stitches at the Animal Referral Center. Jeffrey was not bitten

by Snap out of malice, she was defending herself from the dog that had her ear in its grip.

Both incidents with Snap occurred under the supervision of Jeffrey. I had explained to him many times that when Snap is outside she must be on a leash or secured inside the fence. Jeffrey was at fault, not Snap. He was mistakenly under the false and arrogant impression that he had complete voice control of her with no formal training in dog obedience. He is completely aware that he has put his dog at risk of being euthanized and is very remorseful for his ignorance regarding dog behavior.

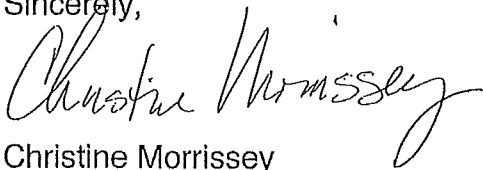
We both fully intend to comply with the leash requirements, as well as keeping her secured in the house and the yard. We have had a lock on the gate for years on the off chance that a neighbor child would open it and let her out accidentally. For her own safety, we will muzzle her on walks.

If still deemed necessary, we would register her each year and pay the \$75 fee.

We do respectfully request the requirement for liability insurance in the amount of a million dollars be waived. Having spoken to several liability insurers, they were of the opinion that amount is excessive. These are usually within the \$100,000 - \$500,000 range with \$300,000 being common. The quote we received for \$500,000 of insurance was \$3000 per year, and that is an expense we simply can not afford.

Snap is not a threat to any human. She is a very sweet girl who loves attention and affection. She has been around many children, including my grandchildren, and people of all ages with no threat of harm. We would like an opportunity to prove that she poses no threat to any person. We would love to bring her in for a visit. Our veterinarian would also be able to attest that Snap is a very good girl who absolutely adores people. It would be a shame to have to destroy this wonderful dog.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Morrissey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Christine Morrissey