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

CITY OF APPLETON
A Wisconsin Municipal Corporation

Petitioner,

v.

CAVAN LONSWAY as owner of:
GODFREY: ST. BENARD MIX, WHITE/GOLD, MALE, R-, L Respondent.

ORDER DECLARING ANIMAL DANGEROUS

As the owner and/or caretaker of *the above-named ANIMAL*, you are hereby notified that the City of Appleton has declared that *the above-named ANIMAL* AS dangerous pursuant to the City of Appleton's Municipal Code 3-131.

Because the animal has been declared dangerous, you are further notified that you must immediately comply with leashing, muzzling, and confinement requirements of City of Appleton Municipal Code Section 3-132. You must, within thirty (30) days, comply with all other requirements of City of Appleton Municipal Code Section 3-132 of the dangerous declaration.

This order remains in effect, even if appealed, until modified or withdrawn.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

SO ORDERED on August 15th 2025

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

I, Cavan Lonsway (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: 8/15/25 2pm



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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 Deputy Director, Charles Sepers, with the City of Appleton Health Department can be reached at:

Health Director - Dr. Charles Sepers

100 North Appleton Street

Appleton, WI 54911

Phone: 920-832-6433

Fax: 920-832-5853

Email: Charles.Sepers@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: CPT. Taschner- Appleton Police Department, ACA Zak Buruin - Appleton City Attorney's Office, and Charles Sepers - Health Department



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08/15/2025

CAVAN LONSWAY

RE: DECLARATION AND ORDER OF DANGEROUS ANIMAL

To MR. LONSWAY

Please let this letter and the attached order serve as your notice, that the City of Appleton's Humane Officer has formally declared your animal: "GODFREY: ST. BENARD MIX, WHITE/GOLD, MALE, R-, L-" pursuant to the City of Appleton Municipal Code, Section 3-131.

I have declared your ANIMAL as dangerous after conducting my investigation, which is summarized below:

Incident # A25040039: The Appleton Police Department was informed of a past tense animal attack involving Godfrey during the month of April 2025. The victim reported that they were walking down their stairs at 1700 N. Richmond street to leave the backyard when Godfrey charged and attacked them. Godfrey attacked the victim and bit them, drawing blood. Pictures and a statement were obtained documenting this attack from Godfrey. This animal attack was determined to be a unprovoked attack.

Incident # A25040026: On 08/14/2025 the Appleton Police Department was sent to the address of 1700 N Richmond for a Dog Vs human attack. It was reported that the victim was exiting the backyard of 1700 N. Richmond Street when Godfrey charged at them and attacked them. It was reported that the victim tried to get away from Godfrey, but Godfrey kept on attacking the victim. The owners of Godfrey had to come outside to stop the attack. Injuries sustained from this attack needed stitches to close the wound received from Godfrey. This attack was determined to be an unprovoked animal attack.

Due to GODFREY causing bodily harm to multiple people and having a propensity to attack humans unprovoked, the animal known as: "GODFREY: ST. BENARD MIX, WHITE/GOLD, MALE, R-, L-" is being declared as Dangerous Animals for the City of Appleton.

IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUIRED:

Because your ANIMAL has been declared dangerous, you must comply with leashing, muzzling, and confinement requirements IMMEDIATELY, as set forth in City of Appleton Municipal Code Section 3-132. You must, within thirty (30) days, comply with all other requirements of City of Appleton Municipal Code Section 3-132 of the dangerous declaration. 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 animal.