

Dangerous Animal Designation Review

Owner: Kenya and Logan Wilson

Address: 3823 E Rubyred Dr., Appleton, WI 54913

Dog: Labrador Retriever / Husky Mix

Age: 5 years

Date of Incident: March 1, 2026

Background

Our dog was adopted as a rescue and has lived with our family since he was seven or eight months old. Over the past five years he has lived in our home without any history of aggressive behavior, prior bite incidents, or complaints involving threatening behavior toward people or other animals.

During this time he has regularly participated in normal social environments including doggy daycare, veterinary visits, neighborhood walks and runs, and interactions with friends' and family members' pets. In all of these settings he has interacted with other dogs and people without incident. Further, we have ensured our dogs are properly licensed and vaccinated, at all times.

Incident Summary

On the date of the incident my wife wanted to take our dogs on a walk on in our neighborhood. As usual, the dogs wore harnesses that had leashes attached. Unfortunately, the leash holding our other dog, Zulu slipped from my wife's wrist, resulting in a brief and unexpected loss of control that allowed our dog Zulu to run toward the neighbor and her dog, Paisley walking in the street. The situation occurred quickly and was not intentional. As my wife was attempting to regain control of our dog, Zulu's leash, our dog Alpha was with her. While we don't know what exactly was happening in his mind, the situation was as stressful for the puppies as it was for the humans, and we believe Alpha bit Paisley in an effort to protect his brother, although no protection was needed. It's reasonable when you understand the situation that Alpha was provoked.

We offered and did pay for all veterinary costs for Paisley's care. As shown in the estimate from the Vet, the laceration repair was classified as minor.

Veterinary Observation

Following the incident, our dog, Alpha, was examined by a veterinarian during the required quarantine observation period. During that visit the veterinarian noted his calm demeanor and commented that he was "such a sweetheart." This demonstrates Alpha's loving nature and his ability to safely interact with people, even those he doesn't know.

Key Facts for Consideration

Severity of Incident

- Veterinary clinic classified the laceration as needing minor repair

- No prolonged attack occurred
- The event was brief and isolated

Behavioral History

- Five years without prior aggressive behavior
- No prior bite incidents
- Regular safe interaction with other dogs at daycare, veterinary visits, walks, and with family pets

Owner Responsibility

- Veterinary expenses for the injured dog were paid immediately
- Owners cooperated fully with reporting and follow-up
- Incident has been taken seriously and addressed responsibly, including using a muzzle and leash when outside of the dwelling.

Future Risk Mitigation

- Dog will always be secured on a leash when outside the home
- If dogs will be jointly exercised, it will be at a private park.
- Dog will wear a muzzle in public settings
- “Beware of Dog” signage will be posted at the residence
- Dog will remain under close supervision whenever outside

Request for Reconsideration

Given the dog’s five-year history without aggressive behavior, his regular safe interaction with other dogs and people, the minor nature of the injury involved in this isolated event, and our willingness to implement additional safety measures, we respectfully request reconsideration of the dangerous animal designation.

We believe these factors demonstrate that this incident does not represent an aggressive or dangerous animal. We have had Alpha in our family for five years and never have we been concerned about aggression or dangerous acts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.