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Case # 2021-505906

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### **Dangerous Animal Determination**

Mr. Green,

It is the duty of Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) to ensure public safety. We investigate incidents involving animals that cause injury to humans or other animals, or act in a way that would cause a reasonable person to be concerned for their safety. If the incident is serious or ongoing, we may declare the animal dangerous, per Dane County Ordinance 47.18 (Regulating Dangerous Animals). When an animal is declared dangerous, restrictions are imposed on the owner for keeping the animal, or the animal may be ordered to be humanely euthanized.

**On 12/11/21, your pit bull, Trife, got into a fight with a neighbor's loose dog. The other dog owner states that Trife latched onto her dog and she had to hit Trife in order to get him to release. Her dog was injured in the incident but did not require veterinary care.**

**On 7/17/21, Trife attacked a smaller dog and bit the victim dog's owner as she tried to get the dogs apart. Both the woman and her dog sustained injuries in the incident.**

**On 7/4/19 Trife was running loose on Williams Drive and was seen chasing a bicyclist. Soon after chasing the cyclist, Trife attacked a dog being walked on leash. It took several members of the public roughly 10 minutes to get Trife under control, and the dog that was attacked did sustain bite wounds.**

**On 6/30/19 it was reported that Trife was loose and chasing bicyclists on Williams Drive.**

**On 3/23/19 Trife attacked a dog being walked on Williams drive. The attack occurred without provocation and the victim dog did require veterinary treatment.**

We have conducted a dangerous animal investigation and are declaring Trife to be a dangerous animal. We are ordering that he be placed under restrictions as a result of this Dangerous Animal Declaration pursuant to Dane County Ordinance 47.18. We are basing this decision on:

- Multiple incidents in which Trife attacked other dogs.
- Trife biting a person.
- The PHMDC Dangerous Animal Investigation which included a neighborhood survey and a meeting with you.

### **Restrictions:**

Dangerous Animal Restrictions. Any owner of an animal that has been declared dangerous pursuant to this section and placed under restrictions must comply with the following subdivisions. The owner must provide documentation to PHMDC of compliance with these subdivisions. Said documentation must be provided within thirty (30) days of the animal being declared dangerous unless otherwise specified. Failure to comply with these restrictions or additional actions by the dangerous animal that threaten public safety will result in a redetermination of this dangerous animal and further action being taken to protect public safety.

1. Trife must have a microchip implanted with a record that contains the following information: "Dangerous Animal, contact Public Health Madison and Dane County Animal Services at 608-255-2345".
2. Trife must be in compliance with rabies vaccination and licensing requirements.
3. Trife must be neutered.
4. The owner must post a sign no smaller than eight (8) inches by eleven (11) inches, made of metal or plastic, bearing wording such as "Warning Dangerous Animal" or "Beware of Dog", no smaller than three (3) inches high. This sign shall be posted at the front door of your apartment building and at such location as to be viewable from the public road to ensure adequate warning and visibility to anyone approaching said residence/driveway.
5. While off of the property, Trife shall be muzzled and leashed at all times. The muzzle should be made in a manner that will not cause injury to the animal but that will prevent it from biting any person or animal. The leash shall be attached to a secure collar or harness that is of sufficient strength to restrain the animal. The leash shall be no longer than four (4) feet in length and must be secured by and under the direct control and supervision of a competent adult.
6. When outside but still on the property of the owner or caretaker (your roof/balcony), the dangerous animal must be supervised by a competent adult at all times to prevent the animal from leaving the property.

7. The animal is not allowed to visit any of the Madison or Dane County off leash dog parks.
8. Prior to a dangerous animal being sold or given away, the current owner must provide the name, address and telephone number of the proposed new owner to PHMDC. Prior to taking physical custody of the dangerous animal, the new owner must comply with all requirements of this subsection and any other restriction PHMDC determines to be appropriate to ensure the public's safety.
9. Prior to moving to a new residence, the owner must notify PHMDC of the move and allow inspection of the property, which may result in changes or additional restrictions relating to the home and/or yard.

#### **NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

Pursuant to Chapter 47.18(11) of the Dane County Code of Ordinances "Administrative Review" you may appeal this decision to a subcommittee of the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County. You must file your appeal in writing and it must be postmarked (or hand-delivered) within 7 days of the date PHMDC's Determination was mailed to you. Your request for an appeal must state the grounds upon which you believe PHMDC's Determination should be reversed or amended. Please mail (or hand-deliver) your appeal request to the Director of Public Health at the address provided below.

Sincerely,



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