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Case # 2021-188023

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### Dangerous Animal Determination

Ms. Swenson,

It is the duty of Public Health Madison & Dane County 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 (**Dangerous Animals Regulated.**) 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 5/16/21, Your German Shepherd Rock bit and injured a Humane Officer as she was loading Rock into her vehicle. The bite was serious and required emergency treatment.**

**On 4/17/21, Rock bit a man on the property where you were staying. The bite was severe and required skin grafts.**

**In January of 2021, Rock bit a man in Mauston. That bite was severe and required 20 staples.**

**On 12/3/20, Rock bit and injured a family friend that was trimming Rock's nails.**

We have conducted a dangerous animal investigation and are declaring **Rock** to be a dangerous animal pursuant to Dane County Ordinance 47.18 and ordering that he be humanely euthanized. We are basing this decision on:

- Rock's frequent aggression and ability to cause severe injuries during attacks.

### NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

Pursuant to Madison General Ordinance 25.22(10), "Committee Review of Determination", and 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 the Department's Determination was delivered to you. Your request for an appeal must state the grounds upon which you believe the Department'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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janel Heinrich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

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