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Case #22-409343

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### **Dangerous Animal Determination**

Alicia and Jason,

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 **(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 10-4-22, your Pit Bull, Layla, was on a tie out on a neighboring property when she was approached by an off leash Chihuahua. Layla bit and shook the Chihuahua which resulted in the Chihuahua's death.**

We have conducted a dangerous animal investigation and are declaring Layla to be a dangerous animal. We are ordering that she 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:

- Layla killing another dog by biting and shaking it.

### **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 Public Health Madison & Dane County 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. Layla 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. Layla must be in compliance with rabies vaccination and licensing requirements.
3. 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 must be placed on the door to your apartment.
4. When outside of your apartment, Layla 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.
5. The animal is not allowed to visit any of the off leash dog parks in any Dane County community.
6. 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 Public Health Madison & Dane County. Prior to taking physical custody of the dangerous animal, the new owner must comply with all requirements of this subsection and any other restriction Public Health Madison & Dane County determines to be appropriate to ensure the public's safety.
7. Prior to moving to a new residence, the owner must notify Public Health Madison & Dane County 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)

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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 Public Health Madison & Dane County'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 cursive script that reads "Janel Heinrich".

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