

Andrew MacLean

From: Robin Hebert
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Andrew MacLean
Subject: Re: Dangerousness hearing for a dog

Hi Andrew,

Just a FYI. Quarantines of animals are for 10 days from the date of the bite So in this case the bite was Dec 20 so the quarantine ended Dec 30. ALL quarantines are in home quarantines. We do not take the animals out of their homes. So at the end of the quarantine period I go back and look at the animal to make sure it is the same animal and that it is healthy. The purpose of this quarantine is to rule out Rabies as the cause of the behavior (aggression is a symptom of Rabies) because Rabies is 100% fatal. The animal would likely not still be alive at the end of the quarantine if it were Rabies. These dogs were up to date on their vaccinations but that does not change the quarantine as vaccinations do sometimes fail. Quarantines are not punishment for a behavior, they are to rule out the Rabies risk to any person or animal that they came in contact with.

Thanks,
Robin

From: Andrew MacLean
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2020 1:28 PM
To: brandon mccabe
Subject: RE: Dangerousness hearing for a dog

Mr. McCabe,

I am still awaiting the report from the ACO and have not received an official request for a dangerousness hearing. That request should come from the aggrieved party or the ACO. I expect one, based on a phone conversation with the ACO.

Once received, we will schedule promptly. The next BOS meeting is January 13, 2020.

The Inspector of Animals did quarantine the dog suspected in the attack. I am not familiar with the details of where the quarantine was served but believe it was for 10 days. There are three dogs licensed to the Tyler's.

While I have heard the story of the attack from two different perspectives, you must be cautious in assuming guilt ahead of public documentation. If the dog is an issue, the owner's need to act responsibly but suggesting they are guilty when you are not a party to what happened - you are passing on 2nd hand information - is irresponsible on your part. It may be true, but if it isn't, you do yourself and others a disservice.

I assure you the Town is taking this seriously and the issue is being addressed.

Thank you,

Andrew

-----Original Message-----

From: brandon mccabe [mailto:brandonjmccabe@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2020 1:00 PM

To: Andrew MacLean
Subject: Re: Dangerousness hearing for a dog

Hi Andrew,

I'm told the dogs that attacked my neighbor's dog were held in quarantine for a week and are or have been returned to the owners who are still denying it was their dogs and the dangerousness hearing isn't until the 12th. Are you able to confirm this, I'm just confused as to why the white Sheppard would be allowed to return home prior to the hearing after it has already attacked and seriously injured two dogs in the neighborhood and the most recent attack happened even though the dog was to be restrained at all times. How are we supposed to feel safe in our own yard if this dog just went into someone else's yard and attacked their dog?

Brandon

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 2, 2020, at 5:34 PM, Andrew MacLean <AMacLean@town.pepperell.ma.us> wrote:

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> Mr. McCabe,

> I'm following up with you on the email you sent last night and the subsequent screen images you sent today. Those, unfortunately, aren't date stamped, and therefore aren't particularly useful for official records, but they are corroborated with other details, so I will assume they are the same postings mentioned in the initial reports I have received.

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> I have reached out to both the Animal Inspector and the Animal Control Officer to understand the situation from their perspective.

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> This is an on-going investigation and until completed no assumptions about those involved will be made.

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> Initially, it was believed that the accused dog(s) were NOT involved. A statement about this was put on a social media site, setting off responses from folks who believed those were the dog(s) involved. Since then, the ACO has followed up further and is completing her report on the matter. Once submitted, the Town will follow-up with whatever steps are appropriate.

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> Thank you,

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> Andrew

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: brandon mccabe [mailto:brandonjmccabe@yahoo.com]

> Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 3:34 PM

> To: Andrew MacLean

> Subject:

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> Here's the Animal Inspector saying the dogs were ruled out and here's the dog owner saying the Sheppard was about to be out down for aggression issues.

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