

Town of Pepperell Animal Control Incident Report

Date of Report: 12/20/19

Officer: ACO Mary Letourneau

Type of Incident: Dog-vs-Dog Attack

Date/Time of Incident: 12/20/19 3:30pm

Date/Time Reported: 12/20/19 3:35pm

Location of Incident: 4 Hunt Club Way, Side Yard

Complainant:

Name: Joseph Ford

Home Address: 4 Hunt Club Way

Mailing Address (if different):

Telephone #: 603-568-1096

Animal(s) Involved:

Species: K9 **Breed:** German Shorthaired Pointer **Color:** Brown& White

Sex: Female **Spayed/Neutered:** Yes

Name: Autumn **Age:** 10+yrs

Animal Owner:

Name: Ryan & Meaghan Tyler

Home Address: 1 Old Farm Lane

Mailing Address (if different):

Telephone #: 978-875-1238, 781-956-7484

Animal(s) Involved:

Species: K9 **Breed:** German Shepard Mix **Color:** Cream

Sex: Male **Spayed/Neutered:** Yes

Name: Simba **Age:** 6-7 yrs.

Species: K9 **Breed:** Vizla Hound Mix **Color:** Red

Sex: Male **Spayed/Neutered:** Yes

Name: **Age:** 6-7 yrs.

Species: K9 **Breed:** Lab Mix **Color:** Black

Sex: Female **Spayed/Neutered:** Yes

Name: **Age:** 10+yrs

Narrative: At approximately 3:35pm on December 20, 2019, I received a call from Mr. Joseph Ford, of 4 Hunt Club way, Pepperell, Ma. stating his Dog was just attacked in his yard buy 3 Dogs that were running loose. Mr. Ford described the dogs as a large cream-colored Shepard type dog, a medium sized red hound type dog and a medium black lab type dog. The Shepard type dog and the Hound type dog were wearing dog coats. Mr. Ford stated he had to physically pull the Shepard and the red Hound off of his Dog. The Black Lab type dog was running away, barking. When Mr. Ford was able to get his dog away from the attacking Dogs, the Dogs ran off through the woods headed towards Old Farm Lane and Prescott St. Mr. Ford immediately took his Dog to Pepperell Veterinary Hospital on River Rd. in Pepperell. Mr. Ford's Dog sustained serious injuries from the attack and required emergency surgery.

I responded to the area and met Officer Mulkerin at the end of Hunt Club Way. I spoke to Meghan Tyler enroute, she stated her dogs were in the house, but she had seen a couple of dogs running in the field across the street in Nissatissit Meadows. I relayed this information to Officer Mulkerin, and we checked the surrounding streets and fields for any loose dogs, none were found.

At approximately 5:45pm, I received a call from Mr. Ford stating he was back home. I returned to Hunt Club Way and went to Mr. Ford's residence at #4. Officer Mulkerin was also there. Mr. Ford stated that he followed the tracks in the snow from the Dogs that attacked his to the back of the house at 1 Old Farm Lane. We spoke to Mr. Ford regarding the attack and injuries to his dog for quite some time. Ofc Mulkerin and I returned to 1 Old Farm Lane to speak to the Tylers again and inspect the dogs. The Tylers are still denying that it was their dogs. I thoroughly checked all 3 dogs for injuries, blood and signs of a bath being given. No – injuries or blood was found, nor were they freshly bathed or wet. Meghan Tyler stated that she had gone to the Pharmacy and the dogs were in the house while she was gone. Ryan was down at the barn. Meghan stated she had seen a couple of dogs running in the field across the street and had gone over to check. Meghan stated there was dog prints over there that looked like they had blood in them. I checked for

the prints, but it was too dark to really see. At this point I am unsure if the Tylers Dogs are responsible. Ofc. Mulkerin and I Left.

I returned to the area on 12/21/19 to check for the prints at Nissatissit Meadows. I walked the field but did not find any prints that looked like 3 dogs traveling together, none with any sign of blood, or any prints that were big enough to be the size of the Cream-colored Shepard mix. I returned home to go over my notes.

At approximately 1:00pm, I returned to the Tylers at 1 Old Farm Lane. I spoke to Meghan, and explained to her that after going over everything, I believed that her Dogs were in fact the dogs that attacked the dog at 4 Hunt Club Way. I also told Meghan and Ryan that they would need to pay the medical bills for the injured dog. I explained to them how serious this issue was and they have a very young child they should consider. When Dogs form a pack mentality, they can be unpredictable, and possibly a danger to their child. I advised the Tylers that Robin Hebert, The Animal Inspector would be contacting them to issue the quarantine. I also told them that the Dogs would need to be securely fenced in at least a 6ft. high enclosure, and to watch them very closely while they are out in it. At no time what so ever are any of their 3 dogs allowed to be off leash when they are outside of their pen or home.