

**Columbus Consolidated Government**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Animal Control**

**Advisory Board**

**May 10, 2021**

**6:30 pm**

**Location of Meeting:**

Public Works Building  
Driver's Training Room  
610 – 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Columbus, GA 31903

**Present at Meeting:**

Contreana Pearson  
Jayne Dunn  
Mike Criddle  
Christy Noullet  
Lindsey Ellis  
Channon Emery  
Sabine Stull  
Julee Fryer  
Kristi Ludy  
Dr. Jean Waguespack  
Tiffany Burns (Recording Clerk)

The meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board of Columbus Consolidated Government was called to order at 6:34pm on May 10, 2021 in the Public Works Building by Sabine Stull.

**Agenda Items**

**1. Dangerous Dog Classification Hearing**

Contreana Pearson opened the discussion for the classification hearing referring to the bite case by the dog 'Moose'. All members asked to refer to their detailed packets for bite information, pictures, summaries, and citations for the dog. Ms. Pearson advised the Board, the animal bit Mrs. Edwards. Ms. Pearson advised that the victim (Mrs. Edwards) is present to speak to the Board.

The victim, Mrs. Edwards spoke to the board stating she arrived at Mrs. Montgomery's house to medically treat her and Moose lunged and bit her thigh after Mrs. Edwards had been at the house for 3 hours. The bite occurred as she went to pick up her equipment. Mrs. Edwards stated the dog had been walking around the house during the treatment. Mrs. Edwards stated that Moose has visited the clinic before a couple of times. According to Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Montgomery told her she was not going to report the dog bite because then she could not euthanize Moose until after his 10-day quarantine hold. Mrs. Edwards reported the bite with her employer and sought medical treatment. Mrs. Edwards feels the dog is dangerous and she has had to see a licensed Psychologist to help with the mental trauma. Mrs. Edwards presented pictures of the bite to show the board members. The Board asked no further questions; Mrs. Edwards was dismissed.

The owner, Mrs. Montgomery read her statement to the board. Moose has traveled several times to the clinic that Mrs. Montgomery has received treatment. She stated Moose was sensitive to her condition. Mrs. Montgomery stated the day of the bite, Mrs. Edwards came to her home so that she could receive treatment. Mrs. Montgomery stated when Mrs. Edwards went to reach for her bags and an IV Pole Moose got scared and bit Mrs. Edwards. The treatment lasted for 2 ½ hours. Mrs. Montgomery told Mrs. Edwards that she would pay for her medical treatment, but it was covered under workmans comp. Mrs. Edwards started a lawsuit against Mrs. Montgomery, Morgan & Morgan law office contacted Mrs. Montgomery. Judge Henderson dismissed all charges except the bite charge. Mrs. Montgomery presented the board a diagram explaining what Moose could be feeling at the time of the visit/bite. Mrs. Montgomery stated Moose has bitten before only once. Contreana Pearson asked if a moving man was bitten when she first moved in. Mrs. Montgomery stated that no moving man was bitten. A board member asked if Moose bite because of the mask and Mrs. Montgomery stated that she thinks it was an unfortunate situation and the stars

happened to align. Dr. Jean Another board member asked what behaviorist she sought out. Mrs. Montgomery stated she spoke with 2 behaviorists over the phone (Steve Dale & Dr. John Ciribassi). The Board asked no further questions; Mrs. Montgomery was dismissed.

Courtney Pierce came forward as a witness to Moose's behavior. Courtney stated that she feels like if a dog bit inside his home than that is not a dangerous dog. Courtney stated Moose originated from Columbus Animal Control and he was not an aggressive dog. The Board asked no further questions; Mrs. Pierce was dismissed.

Kennedy Stone came forward as a witness to Moose's behavior. Kennedy stated she dog sits for Mrs. Montgomery when she is out of town and even takes Moose to her home. Kennedy states she even takes Moose to her family functions around kids, and he has never acted aggressive. Kennedy states she feels no fear for him even after the bite has occurred. A board member asked if she warns people of his previous bite and to be aware of him. Kennedy stated that she tells people to be cautious of any dog she has in her possession. The Board asked no further questions; Mrs. Stone was dismissed.

The Board voted at the end of the meeting to not classify Moose as a 'dangerous' dog.

***\*\*\*ACTION TAKEN: DECLINED DOG CLASSIFICATION; OWNER TRICIA MONTGOMERY DOG 'MOOSE' 4 YES VOTES BY VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT AND 1 NO VOTE. VOTING MEMBER CHRISTY NOULLETT DID NOT VOTE, ARRIVED LATE TO CLASSIFICATION.***

### **Time of Next Meeting**

The next quarterly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on June 8, 2021, ;

Virtual Meeting via Teams through Animal Control Care & Control Center  
Facebook Page

Sabine Stull adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

C: Clerk of Council

ACAB Members

