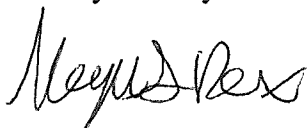


Dear Members of Oelwein City Council,

I am writing to appeal the decision to deem my dog, Maya, as vicious and request to remove her from the city limits of Oelwein. Maya is a 19-month-old Cane Corso and Pitbull Mix. She was adopted by myself and my partner, Mason Kunkle, on April 17, 2021. Our reason for adopting Maya was to serve as an emotional support animal. An emotional support dog is my last option to accommodate my needs for anxiety before moving to prescribed medication. When we adopted her, we were told by her owner that she is very good with kids and is protective of them. The owner had young boys that played with Maya with the neighborhood children outside. Maya did not jump, bark, or growl when we met her for the first time, and she had no prior history of biting or being aggressive. She does not bark or growl when people or other animals are passing by, even when my other two dogs bark at such instances. We renewed her vaccinations for Rabies, DHLP-Parvo-Corona, and Kennel Cough on May 10th at Winthrop Vet Clinic, where she presented herself as gentle and well-behaved to others. The night we adopted her, we brought her to a friendly gathering around a bonfire with roughly 15 other people where she walked around and socialized for about three hours without any issues. Maya stayed at Mason's house, which is where the incident on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, occurred at the in-home daycare. Amanda Kunkle, the day-care provider, included her statement as to what she witnessed for reference. We immediately contacted the original owners, and they confirmed Maya did not have a history of aggression or biting. The following day, Fayette County Sheriff, James Tenney, called me about the situation, and I complied with having Maya quarantine for 10 days to make sure the doctors could treat Madix properly. Maya attended a behavior analysis consultation on May 5th at Paws Laws, and the trainer, Jerry Bond, has provided documentation of his observations during the scheduled session. Maya is currently residing in my parents' home and is not left unattended unless locked in a crate. Maya is not taken outside unless controlled by a leash or in-ground tie-out. Maya is already a well-behaved dog and a great listener, and I plan to take her to obedience training with Jerry Bond for additional structure to adapt to us as her new owners. I am also confident in my skills as a volunteer service dog foster and trainer of 19 months at Retrieving Freedom Inc. in Waverly, Iowa that I can work with and handle her properly. I am considering the aspects of my mental health since that was the initial intention for her adoption. Maya is a sweet, gentle, and loving dog that enjoys cuddling and taking naps, and her behavior and characteristics do not indicate that she is "vicious." I am deeply sorry for what Madix experienced, and moving forward I will be proactive by limiting Maya from being in an environment without being in complete control by an appropriate handler.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Megan Rex

PAW LAWS TRAINING & BOARDING, LLC

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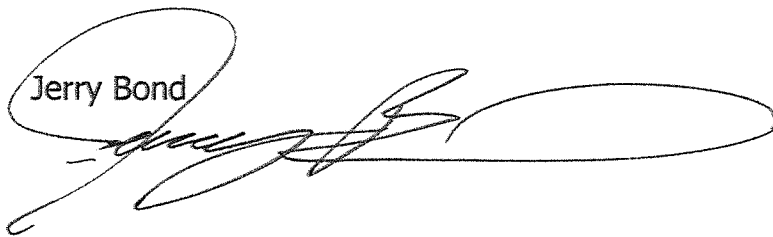
Aggressive dog evaluation with recommendations:

I Jerry Bond of Paw Laws Training & Boarding LLC/ Gunnolf kennels did an evaluation for Megan Rex on a Pitbull/Cane Corso mix. She made the call to me to have the dog evaluated after the dog had bit a kid at a daycare facility in Oelwein. Megan arrived at the facility with her dog Maya who she stated she has only had three weeks or so. She did agree that Maya had bit the kid and it did break skin, but she thought there was hope for Maya. When Maya entered the room, she entered with some confidence but then went into what appeared to be an unsure stand until she seen my kids who are ages 2 and 4 run by the window and then she was focused on that. I didn't see anything that would lead me to believe that she would bite but Megan informed me that Maya doesn't do any barking hardly and any growling. This could make it difficult to see what the triggers are for the dog if anything at all. Maya came up to me and greeted me like nothing was wrong, letting me pet her and then kept walking around smelling the many smells in the room. I did mention to Megan that once a dog bites there is always the likely hood that it could happen again but because Maya don't show signs it makes it difficult for me to address the way that it

should be. Megan has exceptional handling skills as she told me that she helped at another facility in Waverly, Iowa and with this it leads me to believe that Megan will put the dog in the best situation to succeed. However, we still have to keep in mind that Maya did bite once and that there is always the possibility of it happening again. I would not say that because it happened once the dog is vicious as she didn't show those signs to me. I hope you take my expert advice into consideration when you take a look at this specific situation. I would recommend that she follow through with some sort of obedience training to ensure it from happening again.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Jerry Bond

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Bond", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned below the typed name "Jerry Bond".

Members of the Delweir City Council,

The following letter includes my statement that occurred on April 20, 2021. It happened in front of me. I picked up the child to bring him to his mother and Maya jumped up to grab him from me. I pulled the child up and she tried to grab him again on the other leg. The child's mother ran into the room and grabbed the child and I remember saying, she won't let go of his pants. It happened so fast, I don't remember if I smacked the dog on her head or what, but I never had to pry her mouth from his legs, maybe from his pants but not legs. She did not jump up and growl or bark as she was jumping at him. She did not seem vicious to me at all throughout the day. She also did not bother any other kids at my house the couple days she was here. I'm sorry for what happened but I'm glad he is OK.

Sincerely,

Amanda Kunkle

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(319) 935-3393

Rabies Certificate

Client ID: 4891
Client Name: Megan Rex
Address: 1304 1st St SE

Oelwein, IA 50662

Phone: (319)238-3951

Patient ID: 6079
Patient Name: Amaya
Species: Canine
Breed: Pitbull Mix
Sex: Spayed Female
Color: Black
Markings:
Birthday: 11/28/2019
Weight: 74.00 pounds on 5/10/2021
Microchip ID:

Tag Number: 11169
Lot Number: 412637
Rabies (Sm.Animal)
Producer: Merck
K / MLV / R: Killed Virus

Vaccination Date: 5/10/2021
Expiration Date: 5/10/2024

Staff Name: Jeremy Johnson, DVM
License Number: 7853