

City Council Members:

I am writing this letter in regards the dogs Shadow and Tango and asking you to appeal your decision

I am aware of the incident that occurred and want to apologize for what happened. I am willing to pay for any damages and replace the rabbit that was attacked. I understand that we have been having problems with them getting loose but that is not because they break their chains or that we let them out the door without a leash. They get loose from others outside the home not paying attention when they come through the door and we are taking measures to stop that. We have even discussed enclosing our front porch this spring to make sure we have a 2nd door as a safety precaution. So we won't have any further instances

The two dogs are not aggressive like people have put them out to be.

They are protective and cautious. And both dogs have reasons for it. They both have been attacked in the past which has damaged and hurt them both.

Last Easter Shadow was attacked and had an axe put in her back.

And our third dog at the time disappeared. Complaints were made and the police did nothing. She had to get ~~re~~stitched up twice by the Independence Veterinarian.

And in October of last year, Tango came inside and his eye was swollen shut and bleeding. He is now blind in his right eye. We still don't know what happened to him.

And also, I know it's not an excuse but it's in any dog's instinct to chase and attack animals such as rabbits and squirrels. All breeds ~~and~~ of dogs will act that way. Any expert will say that. It's the natural law of order.

It is very hard for rabbits and dogs to get along even in the same household.

Dogs by nature are predators and rabbits ~~are~~ by nature are what is considered prey. Experts even say

if you wanted both types of animal in the same home, the real only way for them to co exist is for them to be introduced while they are babies.

So it could of happened if the owner of the rabbit had dogs living with them.

My dogs didnt bite another person, or another dog or even someones cat.

And as I stated I'm willing to pay for the damages and replace the rabbit.

Now how my dogs really are are loving and sympathetic and gentle.

Shadow is like a therapy dog for Nathaniel. Nathaniel has a lot of health issues and Shadow helps him through it. He has been looking into getting her certified for it. He goes in and out

the hospital often and while he is away on longer stays she watches out the window for him and mopes around the house depressed. And the days Nathaniel comes home from longer stays at the hospital its like Shadow knows and she becomes excited watching for him. And right before she can even see him coming down the road she starts whining and howling and jumping at the door to shower him with affection the second he walks through the door.

Tango on the other hand identifies a 5 year old child as his owner. He has been attached to a 5 year old little boy since he was born. Tango isnt even 2 years old yet, so he is still considered a puppy himself. Tango is curious about everything and doesnt know better quite yet. He is still learning. But he knows what time that little boy comes from school everyday and announces to everyone

in the house when that time arrives.  
He sleeps next to him or where he can  
watch to make sure that little boy  
stays safe.

So please reconsider your decision  
on these two dogs. I can assure you  
an incident like this will never  
happen again. We are more than  
happy to follow whatever guidelines  
that would be made.

Thank you for your time

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