

May 19, 2023

Kody & Isabella Robbins



28 6th St NW Oelwein, IA

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing this appeal letter in regard to the incident that occurred the morning of May 19, 2023 in the decision of my two dogs being deemed vicious.

On the Morning of May 19, 2023, at around 7:55 AM an incident occurred with my dogs getting out of our fenced in back yard due to one of our children not latching one of our gates. Nash and Nova are two of the best well behaved dogs, I don't believe they should be deemed vicious because of this being the first occurrence. I'm asking the council to please reconsider their decision, and to give them a second chance. Our neighbors, family and friends would tell you how sweet and friendly my dogs are and that they wouldn't hurt a fly. Nova and Nash have also been boarded with paws laws boarding and training where they were boarded and trained by Abby Bond around animals and children and did not exhibit any aggressive behaviors. However, we do believe that Nash could have been too excited and tried to play with the woman and her dog resulting in a bite. We take full responsibility for our dogs getting out of our fenced in yard, but we are trying to teach our children responsibility and it would be unjust to remove our dogs because of an unwitnessed incident. We apologize to the full extent for this incident. However, being this is the first time our dogs have gotten out we do believe we should have a second chance to keep our beloved dogs. We have had Nova since she was 6 weeks old, and my 5 kids are very attached to her. Our daughter takes her to bed with her every night and this would jeopardize her mental health. Our dogs are a part of our family and losing them would devastate the whole family. Nash hasn't even turned 1 yet. He's just a puppy, he's still learning. Our dogs are not vicious or dangerous, they are our family. We can promise this will never occur again if they are given another chance. Along with being more careful with our gates we would install an alarm on our gates, so it alerts our phones when someone enters or exits. We will be more careful.

Thank you for your time.

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Abby Bond and I run a boarding and training facility outside of Maynard, Iowa. My husband and I are writing this letter in regard to Kody and Isabella Robbin's case against their two Golden Retrievers. We have evaluated Nova previously for training needs and have also boarded sweet Nova. Nova did excellent with us while boarding. She was great around our own 5 family dogs from our Pembroke Corgi's to our German Shepherds. She was also great around our children ages 1, 4, 6 years of age. This dog never jumped, snarled, bit, or showed any signs of aggression. I would trust this dog around anyone and whole heartedly trust her around my own children. There are plenty of dogs that are constantly running loose in Oelwein due to pet owner irresponsibility and these two dogs have never been part of that problem. I feel it's unjust to take such a harsh punishment without hard evidence. Who is to say which dog bit the person with this alleged complaint and who is to say it was even either of these dogs? We would be more than happy to help provide resources for further training at our facility or to at least give them this opportunity before they have to release or euthanize their beloved pets. I would also like to state that resources are limited already with mental health and something like this could be detrimental to this family's mental health, especially their children. Nova and Nash are not just animals to this family they are their family. Based off of what we have seen with Nova and her training prior to arriving to our facility I find it impossible to believe that Nash hasn't had the same kind of training and consistency. He may still be a puppy who needs work on his manners, but training takes time. Please give this family a chance and take this letter into consideration. I would be more than willing to discuss this further if needed. I can be reached at 319-242-1769.

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05/23/23 Abby Bond