

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jamie Jesse and I am writing on behalf of Chance Hamilton Jesse being deemed a dangerous dog by the city of West Allis.

The event that transpired took place on June 14th, 2023 at the Reunion Restaurant around 17:40. The behavior Chance displayed was inappropriate and completely out of character for him.

Chance is 5 yrs old & spent 3 years of his life being a service dog for my daughter who has P.O.T.S. & several other forms of Dysautonomia. He has been through extensive training to also assist her with her panic & anxiety disorders. With that being said, she has outgrown many of her severe symptoms & went off to college.

However in the past year & a half Chance has been my companion & helping me through many of my medical issues & also my depression and panic attacks. Since June 22, 2022 I have undergone 5 surgeries, a blood transfusion and had severe set back on my depression and anxiety causing several panic attacks as well as many days in which I have been unable to find the strength to even get out of bed let alone leave the house.

On the 14th of June it was the first time I left my bed longer than just going to the bathroom in over a week. Let alone actually leaving the house. During my mental therapy appointment on June 13th, I promised my therapist I would get out of the house for a little bit. In doing so I spoke with my mom & informed her of my promise. So on the 14th when my mom called me to get me out I told her I wasn't going. So my mother showed up at my house to get me out.

When she pulled up outside, Chance got excited & wanted to see his "Grandma". So I took Chance to my mother's car to visit her, which on the other hand, forced/encouraged me to get ready to leave the house with her. After all she drove all the way here from the airport & waited at her car for me knowing I wouldn't just let her stay there waiting and also knowing if she came in, I would never leave.

So I left Chance with her in the car hanging out while I went back up to the house to get ready. 10 minutes or so later I walked back up to my mom's car with sweat pouring off of me ~~from~~ due to a panic anxiety attack. My mom looked at me & said relax, I'm going to make a call. She then called the Reunion to see if they allowed dogs on their patio. After being told yes she said relax, we won't go far, we will go to the Reunion & Chance can come with. Go splash some cold water on your face & get Chance's bag together & lock up. So I did just that. I grabbed his bowl, bag, treats, and harness however I didn't grab his service vest. I don't have a reason why. I can only guess because of my nervous state or the fact that animals are allowed so I didn't think it was necessary, I'm just not sure and don't have a good reason and won't provide you with an excuse.

Needless to say, we left my house and went to the Reunion. We were greeted by the manager on duty & sat at a table on the patio. We got settled in and I got Chance situated in his place just by my feet ~~to~~ to the right slightly under the table. My mother, Chance and I were on the patio for about two hours. Chance had been greeted & approached by several people, from employees to patrons. He never barked, sat up nor left his spot unless told it was ok. This is his typical behavior. When other patrons were sat, it was as if he had no knowledge or interest in them.

It wasn't until this particular family approached when Chance broke character. I wish he could talk and explain his actions so we had a clear and unquestionable reason, however as you and I know, he can't. The only thing we can assume is that he felt there was danger or harm. Dogs are great judges of tense situations however. I'm not sure what sparked that in him.

He has been in 100's of situations and stores, hospitals and festivals, responds to hand gestures and or verbal, in case surroundings are loud or hectic. He has been through training that have tested his ability to handle children crawling on him, people pulling his ears and tails, strangers trying to give him treats, people in wheelchairs or with handicaps & disabilities. Homeless people, crazy shouting twirling yelling people, running kids, crashing chairs & trays, walking through malls & random people taking his food away or teasing him with human food. All of which took place with no events or spiked irritation on his part even when mine or my daughters anxiety increased.

I can't express enough how sorry I am and how bad I feel. I can tell you his reaction was not ok and I do understand that more than you can imagine. All I can do is ask for forgiveness for Chance & I. I am asking for compassion & empathy in evaluating Chance's errors & mine. Maybe if I had his service vest on it would have never happened. Maybe if we sat in a different spot. Maybe if I would have never left my house.

I honestly don't feel he is a dangerous dog. We have had a number of WAFD over and stated how he is such a good dog, smart dog & one of the best dogs they have seen and it is refreshing. Please, please, please reconsider him being ordered as a dangerous dog.

Finally, I would like to just add, Chance has been

metered at about six months old & was also micro chipped before we even got him from the breeder. He always has his tags on and is up to date with his shots, flea & tick treatments. He is a member of our family and our family works and helps to grow the community positively. This again is the reason we have had multiple WAPD officers at our home. From unblocking Flat Street during the storms in 2021 as a city tree fell on my car & blocked paths for fire & police, to calling in DV cases with neighbors that have children involved and including a number of events our cars have been broken into and/or vandalized.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Again we apologize from the bottom of our hearts that we even have to ask you for forgiveness. As well as the imposition this has caused the Roffer family and the city of West Allis' time and resources.

P.S.

On June 14th Chance was not up to date of his rabies due to a mix up. We had a second Goldendoodle that passed away 10-9-21 exactly one month before his 8th birthday. Sprockets rabies shot was valid till ~~the~~ August of 2024 and Chance was August of 2022. I did have their records flopped. However I did take Chance in on June 19th 2023 and he is now valid through June 19th 2026. As well the incident that took place did not break the skin. I really believe it was an accident & he tried to stop himself but was in motion.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

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