

6-11-21

To whom it may concern,

On 5/22/21 My dog Sophie was given a Dangerous Dog Order from officer Todd Ketterhagen. On that day I was home ill. Since I was ill, I put the dogs in the back yard fenced in area to play for a while. Please note that the back-yard gate was closed with a lock and securely tied with a leash for extra protection. It is always my procedure for enclosing the dogs. Officer Ketterhagen knocked on my door and asked if I had two dogs one of which was a Great Dane mix. I stated that I did, and he asked if they were out. I told him they were in the back yard playing. Upon checking it was discovered that the dogs were indeed out of the yard. Of note the tie on the gate was untied. The gate was open.

As I was ill, I was not aware that they were out of the yard. Per officer Ketterhagen the dogs were accused of attacking a neighbor's dog (a poodle) in a vicious manner. I am familiar with this dog as the owner Arleen is a friend of mine. Arleen is also very familiar with my two dogs. Herbie and Sophie the Great Dane mix. Arleen's caretaker was the one who filed the complaint stating that my Great Dane mix attacked the poodle. She stated that my Great Dane mix- was shaking and flipping the little poodle and attacking her. Please note my Great Dane weighs about 72 pounds. If indeed she was trying to attack the poodle-she would have at least sustained a bite mark or some type of soreness, limping etc. The dog was not injured at all. No marks or lameness. She was 100% fine. The caretaker was also unharmed. No scratches, bite marks etc. For this reason, I am quite sure the reported attack did not happen the way the caretaker states it did. If so, a 72-pound dog against a poodle and or person with the poodle would have been harmed and the poodle would be dead or at least harmed in some way. Again- both sustained no injuries whatsoever.

Of note, Sophie has been with little kids next door- she has been calm and seems to love them all. She lays down so they can pet her etc. There have been no incidences with other dogs or people. The individual who found the dogs and brought them home also has two very tiny dogs. She does have pictures of my two dogs with her dogs and her students who were at the lady's home having lunch. I was searching for my two dogs as were my neighbors when I came upon this lady who stated that she had the dogs in her home. I then went to get them. At no time did my dogs attack or go after her little dogs, or birds, or cats that were in her home. If needed I can provide her name and address.

In sum, I believe my dogs attacked no one. The caretaker is high strung and a bit imaginative.

Thank you for your time,

Chris Wierford
414-698-6106

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ORDER DANGEROUS DOG

West Allis
Health Dept

Date: 05-22-21

(Brown Box - 1 x 1 x 1
water)

Owner's Name(s): Christine M. Wilford

Address: 2044 S. 96 ST, West Allis WI 53227

Address: _____

Name of Dog: Sophie

Description of Dog: Great Dane, Shepherd mix
Brown Brindle

Attorney - 302-8450
3 days

Section 5B of
(30 days of
50.00)

(Xerox
West Allis
4/14-302-8450
8/18/21)

West Allis
Code Section 7.126

Pursuant to West Allis Revised Municipal Code Section 7.126, your dog, described above, is hereby declared to be a **dangerous dog**.

Within **30 days** of the date of this order, you must comply with the requirement of 7.126(6) (see back sheet). A West Allis police officer will conduct a follow-up investigation to ensure compliance with the requirements.

If you wish to contest this order or any of the requirements of 7.126(6), you must, within 30 days after receipt of the order, deliver to the City Clerk a written objection to the order stating specific reasons for contesting the order. The City Clerk is located at City Hall at 7525 West Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, Wisconsin.

If you have questions about this order, please contact the City Attorney's Office at (414) 302-8450.

Signature: Todd Kottelberger West Allis P.D.
Name of Officer / Department

(Perspective)
A police
dog officer

Service: (check one)

Date/Time: 05-22-21 1300hrs

Name of person served: Christine M. Wilford

Location: 2044 S. 96 ST