

Item 23-0498: Dangerous Animal Declarations

Board of Health

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Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 33:11

So 23-0498 Dangerous dec--animal declarations? Dr. Sepers? Quite a few.

Health Officer Charles Sepers 33:21

Yes, I would just say that we had a number of dangerous animal declarations, none of which were challenged. So no action items around that. So not much to say about that. I think the--you see a mix of of different cases, some of which were sort of a first time offense by the animal but of such a serious nature that officer Fillebrown had made that dangerous animal declaration in in the cases where it really needed to be.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 34:03

And it's nice to see that we don't have to adjudicate that and that the residents understood that they needed to remove those dangerous animals from Appleton. So that's excellent. Any other comments or questions? Yep? District Three. Gotcha. Alderperson Vered.

Alderperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 34:21

Thank you. I do have a question. This question is sort of coming from the community. So when an animal gets this dangerous declaration from the city of Appleton does--are there any red flags that then travel with that animal when it is removed to whatever other community it goes to?

Health Officer Charles Sepers 34:39

Yes, so a dangerous animal declaration follows the animal no matter where it goes. It's a it's a legal designation for that animal.

Alderperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 34:49

Thank you.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 34:51

Okay. Sure. Let's get your number. One? I'm sorry.

Lee Vogel (Board Member) 34:59

So how does that practically happen, right? I mean, how do you know like when somebody's actually moving? They're supposed to voluntarily report that they're moving or they sold the dog or gave it away or something like that. And then somehow, if they do do that, they notify, un--do we have like a continuous follow up to make sure that in case somebody doesn't notify...?

Health Officer Charles Sepers 35:24

Yeah, and that's a that's a great question. My understanding in speaking with Matt Fillebrown in terms of how this work, it is very difficult to track where someone might move, right? If we are aware of it, I know APD will reach out and sort of do that that handshake. If we don't know that someone's moving, or if they flee, that would be near impossible to kind of figure out.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 35:57

Okay, thank you. Did you? Oh, okay. Thanks, Deb. Sorry. Any other questions? I don't want to have anybody not be heard. All right. Thank you very much. And thank you, Officer Fillebrown, because that's a lot of work. So, again, how the department's in Appleton work so well together.