

Item 23-0674: Prohibited Animal Declaration

Board of Health

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Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 24:43

All right. Moving on to 23-0674, Dr. Sepers, prohibitive animal declaration.

Health Officer Charles Sepers 24:54

Yeah, and the only reason why this this is in here again—this is a, this is a declared dangerous animal known as Ghost. What had happened was the animal was—instead of compliance, the animal was sold and/or given to somebody else, was renamed Sasha to sort of fly under the radar. That was discovered. My understanding per Officer Fillebrown, the animal has been taken by a local shelter and so the that that process is already—has already, has happened, has has has undertaken.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 25:44

Okay. And thank you. And I'm sorry, I skipped—or anything else?

Lee Vogel (Board Member) 25:48

I just have a question about that. Does the shelter have the opportunity to give that animal to another family?

Health Officer Charles Sepers 25:57

No. So a prohibited animal designation requires that the animal not remain in the city of Appleton. What the shelt—my understanding is the animal was, was scheduled to be euthanized as a as a part of that process.

Lee Vogel (Board Member) 26:15

And is there a penalty for these owners to have, you know, circumvented or tried to circumvent?

Health Officer Charles Sepers 26:21

I can't speak to what is beyond what is what is here. I don't know what citations were—may have been issued in this case.

Lee Vogel (Board Member) 26:33

I'm trying to remember did this animal come before us?

Health Officer Charles Sepers 26:35

Yes, it did.

Lee Vogel (Board Member) 26:36

Yeah, I'm thinking I'm remembering that. Yeah. Okay.

Mayor Jake Woodford 26:41

So I think what would be helpful is at a future board of health meeting will ask our Humane Officer Matt Fillebrown to join us, whether we have anything before us or not, at a future meeting, just to talk through the process, because we've had a number of questions today and at our last meeting, just about the process and how this gets monitored, how animals get tracked and across jurisdictions. So, I think it'd be really helpful to have Officer Fillebrown with us. So, Health Officer Sepers and I will work on getting that set up for a future

board of health meeting. I think that'll be helpful for the board and also the community just to learn a little bit more.

Mayor Jake Woodford 27:26

I will just say, these are cases that we take very seriously in the city of Appleton and that Officer Fillebrown looks into with compassion and with commitment to doing what's best for everybody involved. These are not things that we take lightly in the City of Appleton. So, while it while it comes across our desk here at the Board of Health. There's a lot of work, a lot of discussion. And these are very challenging cases to work on. So, I just want to make note of that, that we cared deeply about the people in our community, also the animals in our community, these are really challenging situations and cases. But we will ask officer Fillebrown and join us at a future meeting. Thank you, Chair.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 28:14

Excellent. And I'm sorry, I skipped ahead, because we had such a good discussion.