

## Item 24-1021: Dangerous Animal Declarations

### Board of Health

Wed, Aug 14, 2024 7:00AM

#### **Cathy Spears (Board Chair)** 47:13

All right. going on to 24-1021 dangerous animal declarations. Dr Sepers.

#### **Health Officer Charles Sepers** 47:20

We just had one here in the last two months, and that is River. My understanding, River has been re homed outside of the City of Appleton.

#### **Cathy Spears (Board Chair)** 47:32

Any comments, questions? And we, as part of our dangerous animal, alert the community to which they go to, correct?

#### **Health Officer Charles Sepers** 47:41

That's, yeah. So, the lead CSO is in charge of that work, but yes. So, the animal control division within the Appleton PD will respond to claims of animal bite and that kind of thing. We've—over the last year, we've really streamlined a sort of real time communication process, and I would, you know, I'd be—prior to that, we only saw what came here. I would say all of us would be very surprised with the number of routine animal bites that occur on a daily basis. I mean, between one and four or five bites per day. And so, what we see is just the most severe. And I know we've had Matt Fillebrown talk about, you know, the very judicious and very careful, thoughtful work that he and his team does to consider what a dangerous ani—what rises to the to the level of dangerous animals. The amount of animal bites that occur on a daily basis, that really is true. It's easy to see that this, you know, these declarations are not done in a light hearted manner. They are very considerate of the situation.

#### **Cathy Spears (Board Chair)** 49:08

Okay, any other comments or questions?