



King County

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Regional Animal Services
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Investigation Report A24-003890-01

Investigation / Animal Bite Older Than Days
Sequence 1 of 8
Priority: 4 Clerk: SIEGRIAC
Disclose: Not Discussed
Tot Animals: 2 Type: DOG

Original Call Date: 08/05/24 14:10
New This Seq: 08/05/24 14:10
Wheatley Dispatch This Seq: 08/08/24 8:51
Working This Seq: 08/08/24 14:30
Complete This Seq: 08/08/24 14:40
wheatla Saved This Seq: 08/08/24 14:40

Table with 2 columns: Field Name, Value. Fields include Caller Information, Comment, Activity Address, Animal Involved, Animal Owner, Responding Officer, Results.

Table for A24-003890-02 Investigation / Animal Bite Older Than Days Sequence 2 of 8. Includes priority, record creator, and officer information.

Table for A24-003890-03 Investigation / Animal Bite Older Than Days Sequence 3 of 8. Includes priority, record creator, and officer information.

Table for A24-003890-04 Investigation / Animal Bite Older Than Days Sequence 4 of 8. Includes priority, record creator, and officer information.

Table for A24-003890-05 Investigation / Animal Bite Older Than Days Sequence 5 of 8. Includes priority, record creator, and officer information.

Table for A24-003890-06 Investigation / Animal Bite Older Than Days Sequence 6 of 8. Includes priority, record creator, and officer information.

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<b>A24-003890-07 Investigation / Animal Bite Older Than Days Sequence 7 of 8</b> Priority: 4 Record Created by: WHEATLA Disclose: Not Discussed Tot Animals: 2 Type: DOG		Original Call Date: 08/05/24 14:10 New This Seq: 09/04/24 16:59 Wheatley Dispatch This Seq: 09/04/24 16:59 Working This Seq: 09/05/24 13:20 Complete This Seq: 09/05/24 13:24 wheatia Saved This Seq: 09/05/24 13:41
Responding Officer:	P999050 AARON WHEATLEY, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER 206-263-5943 206-369-6331 ext:CELL aaron.wheatley@kingcounty.gov	
Results:	MADE TELEPHONE CONTACT; NOTICE AND ORDER	
<b>A24-003890-08 Investigation / Animal Bite Older Than Days Sequence 8 of 8</b> Priority: 4 Record Created by: WHEATLA Disclose: Not Discussed Tot Animals: 2 Type: DOG		Original Call Date: 08/05/24 14:10 New This Seq: 09/05/24 13:42 Wheatley Dispatch This Seq: 09/05/24 13:42 Working This Seq: Complete This Seq: wheatia Saved This Seq: 09/05/24 13:42
Responding Officer:	P999050 AARON WHEATLEY, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER 206-263-5943 206-369-6331 ext:CELL aaron.wheatley@kingcounty.gov	
Results:	DISPATCHED;	

Memos dated on or after 8/5/2024 12:00:00AM

Activity Memo(s) for: A24-003890

<p>1 Note 8/5/24 M24-489554 Entered by:SIEGRIAC</p>	<p>There is not any detailed information in the report about the involved parties, over what was put in the narrative sent to us by Officer J Dawson #175 MI PD. The victim is a Dr and he treated his wounds himself, needing antibiotics after infection started 3 days later. He did get Rabies Vaccine info from the owner and is reported as current. as</p>
<p>2 Note 8/8/24 M24-489857 Entered by:SORIANOM</p>	<p>Received same MIPD report by Ofr Dawson via MI Public Recs. Filed in cm. mbs</p>
<p>3 Investigation Memo 8/8/24 M24-489893 Entered by:WHEATLA</p>	<p>I called the bite victim and left a voicemail asking him to fill out our online form and to submit any pictures to our PETS email. AAW</p>
<p>4 Investigation Memo 8/10/24 M24-490080 Entered by:WHEATLA</p>	<p>Upon reviewing the dog owner's history, I discovered both dogs were deemed potentially dangerous last year.  The complainant did not call me back. He does not show up in secure access.  I called him and left a second voicemail asking him to complete the online form and email pictures of his wounds to RASKC. I also informed him the dogs bit somebody last year and were already deemed potentially dangerous from that incident. AAW</p>
<p>5 Investigation Memo 8/11/24 M24-490151 Entered by:CWEBBER</p>	<p>08/11/24 12:01  Ofc Wheatley left two voicemails to the victim. We still do not have a complaint form or address for them, so I sent an email to the victim. I advised them to fill out the report or this case will have to be deemed as informational.</p>
<p>6 Note 8/11/24 M24-490180 Entered by:MICCARLS</p>	<p>08/11/24 15:35  Complaint form received by victim. Filed to CM.  M. Carlson (AC36)</p>
<p>7 Investigation Memo 8/22/24 M24-491541 Entered by:WHEATLA</p>	<p>I arrived at 7225 SE 27th St to investigate this complaint and ade contact with the dog owner's older children who did not appear to have any knowledge of the incident, denying the dog were aggressive. The dog owner, Debbie Bertlin, is out of town at this time. They did say one of the dogs had passed away about two weeks ago after suffering what they said was a stroke.  I stated I would call Meg who had custody of the dogs at the time of the incident. I called her and explained what was relayed to me. She stated she had taken the dog owner Debbie to the airport. She arrived back at her home and let the dogs out of the vehicle. She did not see the victim in the area. The dogs charged over to the victim and were barking but she did not see the bites occur. I told her I would call the owner and would be in touch with her.  I called Debbie Bertlin and we spoke about the incident. She explained she had "Stan" euthanized by a home service company as was the instigator and the more dominant of the two dogs. She told the kids a different story to diminish any heart ache. She agreed to text me pictures of the receipt for his euthanasia. I asker her if she appealed the previous designation and she stated she did not. It appears the potentially dangerous dog declaration issued on a previous case is still in place.  I will follow up once the owner texts me the documents related to Stan. AAW</p>

Investigation Memo  
8 8/29/24  
M24-492266  
Entered by:WHEATLA

Debbie Bertin emailed me a receipt indicating Stan was indeed euthanized and cremated on 8/7/24.  
I emailed her back informing her dog "Bup" would be declared a dangerous dog. My email reads as follows:  
Hello Debbie,  
Thank you for sending this. I will certainly limit my contact with your family to you. As we discussed this past week, we were contacted by the reporting party regarding a dog bite. During the course of reviewing the case, I discovered that both Stan and Bup were declared Potentially Dangerous Dogs under animal control case A23-002947. The incident that occurred 7/14/24 where both dogs got loose, charged and bit the complainant is a violation of the requirements placed on the dogs by that designation. Per Mercer Island Code 7.04.020, it states:  
Dangerous dog means any dog that:  
1. Inflicts severe injury on a human being without provocation on public or private property  
2. Kills a domestic animal without provocation while the dog is off the owner's property  
3. Has been previously found to be potentially dangerous because of injury inflicted on a human, the owner having received notice of such and the dog again aggressively bites, attacks, or endangers the safety of humans.  
The events that occurred on 7/14/24 do appear to qualify "Bup" to be deemed a Dangerous Dog which will place heightened restrictions and requirements on him. More information may be found under Mercer Island Code 7.04.130. I will deliver the formal documents to you once they have been completed which will likely be next week. I will contact you to determine a time and place when you will be available to receive the documents. There is an appeals process which I will review with you at that time.  
Further, there is an infraction that will be issued along with the Dangerous Dog Determination. That will be issued to the person who had custody of the dogs at the time of the incident who in this case will be Meg. Often times, the owner of the dog will request the infraction be issued to them instead. If you make that request, we will take it under consideration to see if that is feasible for incidents that occur in Mercer Island.  
Thank You  
Officer Aaron Wheatley  
Regional Animal Services of King County  
AAW

Investigation Memo  
9 9/4/24  
M24-492891  
Entered by:WHEATLA

I created a Dangerous Dog Declaration letter for "Bup". I called Debbie and left a voicemail asking her to contact me to schedule a time/place to issue her the declaration.  
AAW

Investigation Memo  
10 9/5/24  
M24-492951  
Entered by:WHEATLA

Dog owner did not respond to my voicemail. I arrived at 7225 SE 27th St to follow up with this complaint. I called the dog owner, it rang once and then went to voicemail. I left a voicemail explaining I would be placing the Dangerous Dog Declaration on her front door and where to find the appeal instructions if she wished to do so. I posted the declaration on her front door.  
Packet with declaration will be delivered to Mercer Island Clerks.  
AAW

10 most recent activities at same address  
or for same owner

Activity no	date	comment
A23-002947	5/1/23	INV / BITE

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10 most recent violations for same owner

violation no	violation dat	activity no	defendant id	violation type
V23-014196	5/1/23	A23-002947	P878322	NOV
V23-014221	5/1/23	A23-002947	P878322	INFRACTION

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I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Washington, that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Animal Control Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed in King County, Washington.

Bite Count = 0 Violation Count = 0 Memos = 10 Impounds = 0