

Adam Chalmers

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Mr. Chalmers

As per the investigation that commenced on October 25 2020 involving your dog a female Rottweiler Shepherd cross known as Berkley attacked and bit a small breed dog, the dog was significantly injured requiring emergency Veterinary care.

On October 29 2020

I received a second complaint, from a different individual that in August of 2020, 2 dogs left your property and attempted to attack a different small breed that was being walked on leash and on the sidewalk by your house. The complainant advised that you were able to stop the attack before any injury could occur to the small breed dog.

I understand that you have been in contact with Karl Schipprack, Karl and I have discussed your matter at length. I understand that you are disputing owning 2 dogs and that your dog has never been involved in any other incidents.

The Municipality of West Grey will impose the following restrictions on your female Rottweiler/ Shepherd cross breed dog known as Berkley.

As outlined in the Municipality of West Grey **Bylaw 87-2009** a by-law for the licensing of dogs, and for regulating the running at large of dogs and regulating kennels within the Municipality of West Grey,

Section 6 states;

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6.a) Where the Officer is satisfied on the balance of probabilities, and in the absence of any mitigating factors, that a dog has bitten a person or animal, the Officer may issue a muzzle order to the owner of the dog.

b) The Officer may impose conditions on the muzzle order to ensure the health and safety of the owner, the dog, and other persons and animals.

c) The muzzle order may be served by:

i) delivering it personally to the owner of the dog; or

ii) by posting it up in a conspicuous place on the premises of the owner, or

iii) sending it by registered mail to the last known address of the owner of the dog.

d) Service of a muzzle order served by registered mail is deemed to be made on the seventh day after the day of mailing.

e) Notwithstanding any other section of this By-law, when a muzzle order has been served, the owner of a dog shall:

i) not permit the dog to be off the premises of the owner unless it is properly leashed and muzzled; and

ii) ensure that the dog does not bite, chase or attack a person or a domestic animal on any property, including that of the owner; and

iii) either tether the dog on a chain capable of restraining the dog or confine it within a fenced yard capable of preventing the dog from escaping; and

iv) put the dog under the control of a person at least sixteen (16) years of age when the dog is not on the owner's premises; and

v) notify the Officer within five (5) days of transfer if the dog is transferred to a new location or if the ownership of the dog is transferred to another person; and

vi) not contravene any other condition imposed in the muzzle order; and

vii) shall within seven (7) days, purchase a Dangerous Dog warning sign and place it in a conspicuous place at the entrance to the owner's premises indicating the presence of a dog, and inform the Officer of same.

f) A muzzle order expires when the dog dies or the Officer is satisfied that it no longer resides in the Municipality.

g) Where a muzzle order has been issued, the owner of a dog may apply for a hearing to appeal the order to the Appeal Committee.

h) An application for a hearing shall be made in writing and delivered to the CAO/Clerk of the Municipality within thirty (30) days after the muzzle order has been served.

i) An application for a hearing shall be accompanied by the Hearing Request of fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

j) Notice of a hearing shall be served on the owner at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. Service shall be affected in accordance with sections 6. c) & d) of this By law.

The above noted restrictions will be in place for the life time of your dog. Failure to adhere to the restrictions could result in further charges under the Bylaw or proceedings in the Provincial Offences Court- the Dog Owners liability Act R.S.O. 1990.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter please contact me at 519 373 1000. I have included a copy of the above mentioned By-law 87-2009 with Section 6 highlighted for your convenience.

Cheryl Roberts

Karl Schipprack

Animal Control Officer
Municipality of West Grey

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