

Dear municipality of south Huron...

I am writing to you today on the dangerous dog status of our family pet..

On dec 21st 2016 between the hrs of 930pm and 10pm our family dog blackie was outside for the final time before bed. At that time a lady and her smaller dog had walked by. Blackie began to bark so I went to bring her in....when I went to the door blackie had broke the clasp on her chain and ran out towards her and her dog that was not on a leash, without hesitation I ran outside and brought her back in. My wife and I returned outside to make sure everything was ok and apologize for what had happened. She said everything was ok and that nothing had happened. We sincerely apologized again and returned inside and she continued on her walk.

Approximately 2-3 days later we received a visit from the bylaw officer from sarnia. We were not home as it was through day time,so he had left a business card saying to give him a call. My wife gave him a call and explained what had happened. he said that there was 2 independent witnesses at that time that had seen what what happened but yet when I went out our street was in darkness. Blackie was placed on a 10 day quarantine while only being allowed outside to go the washroom and that we had to be outside with her. He also notified us that we were being charged \$100 but not told what for.. when we went to pay for our yearly dog tag that's when we found out that she was classified as a dangerous dog within our municipality.

As of this day we have not heard from the bylaw officer or seen the lady and her dog.

About a month ago I started talking to Rebekah at town hall on how to go about changing the status of our family pet . She sent me info on subsection 8.2 that outlines the appeal tribunal. We were not notified about this process of appeal at that time which is 15 days following the incident , so that why I'm writing this letter today.

On that night if Blackie had bit her dog (that was not on a leash) she would have killed her dog because blackie is close to 80lbs and her dog was about 10-15lbs. Big size difference!!! If blackie had bit, she would have been put down because we have 4 children and that would have not been tolerated. I beilve her story is false because if it was true we would have received vet bills for treatment for bites and we would have been contacted by the Huron county health unit.

Yes our dog does bark like all dogs do. But she is very friendly and protective of our family property..

If there is any concerns please feel free to contact me at this number 226-236-6344

Exeter residents
Brad and Tina Ankers

Sent from my iPhone