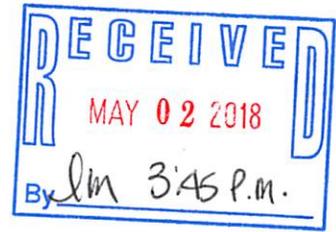


May 2, 2018



Muscatine City Council
City of Muscatine
215 Sycamore Street
Muscatine, IA 52761

James & Natalie Allen
609 Iowa Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761

Dear Madame Mayor and members of the City Counsel,

We would like to file an appeal on a recent decision to classify our family pet, Kolby, of almost 11 years as a "vicious animal," which subsequently puts us in the very heart wrenching position to either terminate our dog's life, or place him somewhere away from the only family he has ever known. Our children, as well as ourselves, and many others who have come to know and love Kolby are devastated at the possibility of this loss. While we do not discount the seriousness of the bites that have taken place on our property, we do feel that the circumstances surrounding these incidents have an absolute effect on if this classification is fair. If the counsel sees fit to grant us the opportunity to present this information, our entire family would be tremendously grateful.

As upstanding citizens of this town, please know that we would never do anything that violates the law, or that puts other members of our community in danger, especially children and friends who frequent our home. If we believed this would continue to be an issue with Kolby, this letter would not even be submitted, and we would simply proceed as is expected of us. Thank you for your time. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,
James & Natalie Allen
Muscatine Residents

Natalie Allen

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