Roll Call Number 60
July 24, 2006  Date
PUBLIC HEARING ON APPEAL OF DANGEROUS DOG DECLARATION
WHEREAS, Nathan Karlzen, 3910 Indianapolis Avenue, owns a dog declared dangerous by Des Moines Chief Humane Officer, Sgt. Scott Raudabaugh; and
WHEREAS, the declaration was upheld by the Administrative Hearing Officer following Mr. Karlzen's appeal of this declaration; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Karlzen requested an opportunity to address the City Council on the declaration; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Karlzen has been provided with the opportunity to address the City Council on the matter of his appeal of the administrative hearing officer; NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED (Choose one of the two alternatives):
Alternative One: That the administrative hearing officer's ruling be upheld.
MOVED BYTO UPHOLD DECLARATION.
Alternative Two: That the administrative hearing officer's finding be reversed.
MOVED BY TO REVERSE DECLARATION.
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Katharine Massier Assistant City Attorney

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I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk

Agenda Item Number

July 6, 2006

Nathan Karlzen 3910 Indianapolis Avenue Des Moines, IA 50317

Re: Dangerous Animal Declaration

This is to acknowledge your written request of July 5, 2006, requesting an appeal before the City Council of the Hearing Officer's decision regarding declaration of your dog as a "dangerous" animal.

Your hearing has been scheduled for the City Council Meeting on July 24, 2006. The meeting starts at 4:30 p.m. A copy of the Administrative Hearing transcript is enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 283-4209.

Sincerely,

Diane Rauh City Clerk

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Assistant City Attorney Su Ann Donovan, Legal Assistant Sgt. Scott Raudabaugh - Animal Control Chief McCarthy



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June 29, 2006

Nathan Karlzen 3910 Indianapolis Avenue Des Moines IA 50317

RE: Administrative Hearing - Declaration of Dangerous Animal

Dear Mr. Karlzen:

The City of Des Moines convened an Administrative Hearing on June 26, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. regarding the declaration of your dog, Choos (a tan, male Pit Bull), to be a "dangerous animal." Sergeant Scott Raudabaugh, Chief Humane Officer for the City of Des Moines Animal Control Unit, made this declaration in a hand-delivered letter dated June 21, 2006 (Exhibit A).

At the Hearing, Senior Police Officer Mark Stuempfig, Acting Chief Humane Officer, stated that on June 19, 2006, Evelyn Welsher was walking her dog in the 3900 block of Indianapolis Avenue when a tan Pit Bull-type dog belonging to Nathan Karlzen, ran from 3910 Indianapolis Avenue into the street and bit Ms. Welsher's dog, causing puncture wounds. The Pit Bull belonging to Mr. Karlzen was impounded and is currently being held in the Animal Shelter (Exhibit B).

On June 20, 2006, Dr. Gregory Berry, City Veterinarian, evaluated Mr. Karlzen's dog and determined Mr. Karlzen's dog exhibits the dominant characteristics of a Pit Bull-type dog (Exhibit C), which is defined as "vicious" by City Ordinance Section 18-41(9).

Officer Stuempfig said Sergeant Raudabaugh declared Mr. Karlzen's dog to be "dangerous" because of its breed and because it was not properly confined when it attacked another dog without provocation.

Officer Stuempfig stated that Sergeant Raudabaugh spoke with Mr. Karlzen on June 21, 2006 and Mr. Karlzen said his dog was chained outside and broke loose when it saw Ms. Welsher's dog.

Officer Stuempfig referenced Section 18-56. Confinement of vicious dogs:

- (a) "All vicious dogs shall be securely confined within an occupied house or residence or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or kennel, except when leashed as provided in this section..."
- (d) "No person shall permit a vicious dog to go outside its kennel or pen unless such dog is securely leashed with a leash no longer than six feet in length. No



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person shall permit a vicious dog to be kept on a chain, rope or other type of leash outside its kennel or pen unless both the dog and the leash are under the actual physical control of a person 18 years of age or older."

(e) "Such dogs may not be leashed to inanimate objects such as trees, posts, buildings, or any other object or structure."

Mr. Karlzen was unable to provide proof that his Pit Bull had current rabies vaccination, current City of Des Moines license or liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$100,000 against animal bites in effect at all times.

Officer Stuempfig quoted Section 18-203 Immediate Seizure or Destruction of Animals:

"Any animal found at large which displays dangerous tendencies, or which is an illegal animal, or which has been previously declared vicious or is vicious by breed according to article II, Section 18-41(6), (7), (8), or (9) of this chapter and has bitten without provocation a person or a domestic animal while such vicious dog was not properly confined or leashed may be processed as a dangerous animal under Section 18-202 of this article...."

Nathan Karlzen testified that he was in Van Meter when the attack happened. Mr. Karlzen said his roommate put the dog outside on a chain. Mr. Karlzen said his dog is not neutered and Ms. Welsher's dog is not neutered and according to Animal Control, the dogs could smell the other dog's scent, so they are going to fight. Mr. Karlzen said his dog had never bitten anybody. When questioned, Mr. Karlzen said he was told when he got the dog that it had rabies vaccination, but he did not know if the rabies vaccination was current. Mr. Karlzen said he has never licensed his dog, but that he has an insurance policy, which he forgot to bring with him. Mr. Karlzen said his dog is 2 ½ years old.

Therefore, I find that a tan, male Pit Bull dog belonging to Nathan Karlzen of 3910 Indianapolis Avenue is a "dangerous dog" as defined by Municipal Code Section 18-203, as referenced above.

The following are my reasons for this finding:



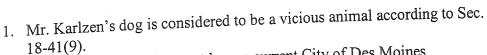
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2. Mr. Karlzen's dog does not have a current City of Des Moines license as required by Sec. 18-42.

3. Mr. Karlzen's dog does not have current rabies vaccination as required by Sec. 18-52(a).

4. Mr. Karlzen does not have proof of insurance for a vicious animal as required by Sec. 18-44(f).

Mr. Karlzen's dog was not properly confined as required in Sec. 18-56(a)
 (d) (e) for owning a vicious animal.

6. Mr. Karlzen's dog attacked another dog without provocation, as stated in Sec. 18-203.

As part of this decision, it is my duty to either order the animal destroyed in a humane manner by the Chief Humane Officer, or order the person owning, sheltering, harboring or keeping the animal to remove it from the City or to cause it to be destroyed in a humane manner.

Further, I am ordering the Chief Humane Officer destroy the tan, male Pit Bull owned by Nathan Karlzen of 3910 Indianapolis Avenue, in a humane manner.

This constitutes a final administrative decision. You have three (3) days to appeal the decision to the City Council. The appeal must be made in writing to the City Clerk's Office, and state the reason for the appeal. If you have any questions regarding the appeal or compliance procedure, please contact Animal Control at 248-6051.

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Sincerely,

LeAnn Ducey Hearing Officer

Cc: Diane Rauh, City Clerk Su Ann Donovan, Legal

William McCarthy, Chief of Police

Sergeant Scott Raudabaugh

# ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING TRANSCRIPT June 26, 2006 City v. Nathan Karlzen Dangerous Animal

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Good afternoon. My name is LeAnn Ducey and I'm an Administrative Hearing Officer. It is 12:56 p.m. on June 26, 2006 and we are conducting an administration hearing on a dangerous dog declaration. The appellant is Nathan Karlzen. When I call you to give testimony today please come up to the podium, speak into the microphone and state your full name and address for the record. You will then be sworn in. This is an informal hearing and to that matter the hearing is now open. Would the representative from the City please come forward, identify yourself and present any information you have pertaining to this hearing. Thank you.

SENIOR POLICE OFFICER MARK STUEMPFIG: I am Senior Police Officer Mark Stuemfig. I am the Acting Animal Control Unit Supervisor and Acting Chief Humane Officer filling in for Sergeant Scott Raudabaugh this week.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Ok, how do you spell your last name?

SENIOR POLICE OFFICER MARK STUEMPFIG: It is Stuempfig.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Please raise your right hand. Do you Senior Police Officer Mark Stuempfig, swear or affirm the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

SENIOR POLICE OFFICER MARK STUEMPFIG: I do.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Thank you. Go ahead.

SENIOR POLICE OFFICER MARK STUEMPFIG: The incident in question occurred on 19 June, 2006. Resident Evelyn Welsher was walking her dog in the 3900 block of Indianapolis Avenue when a tan colored male pit bull dog ran from the address of 3910 Indianapolis into the street and bit Ms. Welsher's dog causing puncture wounds. The pit bull dog was impounded and is currently being held at the Animal Shelter at 1615 S.E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street. That dog belongs to Nathan Karlzen. On 20 June, 2006 Dr. Greg Berry an Animal Rescue veterinarian and the City of Des Moines veterinarian evaluated Mr. Karlzen's dog and confirmed that it exhibits predominate characteristics of the pit bull breed of dog. On 21 June, 2006 Sergeant Scott Raudabaugh spoke with Nathan Karlzen and Mr. Karlzen said that his dog was chained outside when it broke loose from its chain. City ordinance requires any dog defined as vicious be confined inside a house or inside a special kennel or on a leash held by an adult. City ordinance 18-203 provides that a vicious dog not properly confined or leashed that has bitten without provocation may be processed as a dangerous animal and Sergeant Raudabaugh declared Nathan Karlzen's dog to be a dangerous animal because of this incident.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Thank you. Is that it? Ok. Mr. Karlzen. Please state your name and address.

NATHAN KARLZEN: Nathan Karlzen, 3910 Indianapolis Avenue.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Please raise your right hand. Do you Nathan Karlzen, swear or affirm the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

NATHAN KARLZEN: Yeah.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Go ahead.

NATHAN KARLZEN. Uh, I don't know, I was in Van Meter when it happened. My roommate let him out on the chain. The dog, she walked her dog past my house and, ok, my dog's not neutered. Her dog's not neutered. So I talked to the Animal Control people. They said that they can smell the scent so yeah they're gonna fight. I mean it's just like two people going and fighting. You guys ain't gonna put out a human that's gonna fight are ya? I mean my dog has never bit nobody, never attacked anybody. I got pictures here that shows he's not a vicious dog just cause he bit another animal.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: By breed he's a vicious dog.

NATHAN KARLZEN: Well I don't know. I mean I got people here that will testify.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Ok, when did you, a, acquire the dog?

NATHAN KARLZEN: Uh, last February, September, February, something like that. I'm not

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: September or February? That's quite a difference.

NATHAN KARLZEN: I think I had him in September.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: So September of 95?

NATHAN KARLZEN: No, last year.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: I'm sorry, 2005. Has he had rabies shots?

NATHAN KARLZEN: He's had rabies shots before I got him, but I haven't got any shots.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: They're not current. Has he ever been licensed?

NATHAN KARLZEN: Not by me.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Does he have insurance?

NATHAN KARLZEN: Yep.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: \$100,000?

NATHAN KARLZEN: Yea, I got a \$300,000 policy.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Ok, do you have proof of that?

NATHAN KARLZEN: Uh, I forgot to bring it with me? Is it in your purse? That's the only thing I forgot to bring, but I can get it from the insurance company.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: We'll need copies, you'll need to check with the City Clerk's Office, but we need copies of that. Uhm, how old is he?

NATHAN KARLZEN: Two and one-half.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Ok, why do you not have current rabies, why do you not have a current license on this dog?

NATHAN KARLZEN: The guy that I got him from told me he got the rabies shots on him so I didn't even worry about getting the rabies shots.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Well, you know those expire.

NATHAN KARLZEN: Well, he just told me he got them before I got him.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Inaudible.

NATHAN KARLZEN: He told me he just got them before I got him.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: But you didn't ask for proof of that?

NATHAN KARLZEN: No.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Ok. How come you do not have a current City license?

NATHAN KARLZEN: I just didn't go get it. I mean that's my fault.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Do you consider yourself a responsible pet owner?

NATHAN KARLZEN: Yea I do.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: You do? And you have a vicious dog that, that you do not, uh, apply any of the rules of the City of Des Moines Municipal Code in order to have that dog.

NATHAN KARLZEN: I have a question.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Ok.

NATHAN KARLZEN: How come you guys keep saying he's a vicious dog? You guys got all these other dogs out here that are attacking animals. You guys don't take them to the county. You guys don't take them and impound them. You guys don't do nothing, but once a pit bull attacks something you guys are quick to put em down. A pit bull...

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: I'm not talking about putting him down. I'm talking about you right now. By breed in the City of Des Moines a pit bull is automatically a vicious dog by breed and in order to own a pit bull or any other animal that is considered vicious you have certain Municipal Code rules to follow. You have not followed any of them that I can see.

NATHAN KARLZEN: I don't see how I can follow them.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: But you consider yourself a responsible owner.

NATHAN KARLZEN. Yeah I do because my dog is healthy and my dog never attacks nobody. Just cause he attacked a dog doesn't make me a non-responsible dog owner. There is so many people out there that don't have a license on their dogs. I'm not the only one.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Ok.

NATHAN KARLZEN: My dog is

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: We are talking about you.

NATHAN KARLZEN: I know we're talking about me.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: I'm not talking about anybody else in the City of Des Moines. We are here because of your dog today.

NATHAN KARLZEN: I know we're talking about me but just because I didn't get him licensed doesn't mean I'm not a responsible pet owner.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Well, I asked you if you thought you were.

NATHAN KARLZEN: And I believe I am.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Ok that's your prerogative. Is anyone else here to speak today. Yes sir. Come on up. Just a second. Please state your name and address.

MATTHEW KODER: Matthew Koder, 5407 SW 8<sup>th</sup>.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: How do you spell your last name?

MATTHEW KODER: Koder.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Please raise your right hand. Do you Matthew Koder, swear or affirm the testimony you are about to give today is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

MATTHEW KODER: Yes ma'am.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Ok, go ahead and tell me why you are here.

MATTHEW KODER: I am here today cause I am friends with the Defendant and the other Defendant and to testify on behalf of Chaos who can't be here because he is detained and to defend the breed that is so wrongly unjustified. Uhm, it is through many hours of research and, uhm, apprenticeships through many dog trainers and many hours of reading that I've come to learn and open myself up, because originally I was very deathly afraid of the breed of dog and, a, I was first introduced to an American pit bull terrier approximately three years ago and that dog completely changed every outlook I'd ever heard about the animal and since then I've devoted my entire essence and free time to change the way people look at that breed. Uhm, I've since read such books as, uhm, American Pit Bull Terrier and You. It's written by uhm Suzanne, I believe, Waneous. She's a very renowned animal trainer and anybody that is willing to open themselves up and learn about the breed of dog will realize that it is nature in animals to fight. It is nature in humans to fight. Uhm, take our situation now. We're fighting for what we believe in or what we were defending ourselves. And for the American pit bull terrier they were breed, it started out with the American bull dogs. They were breed for bull and bear baiting which was used much like what a gladiator would do they would be put into a ring with a bull that was attached to a stake, which was staked into the ground and the bull dog would bite the bull and pin it down until it won't fight anymore. Well, that bull, the bull eventually became to where the bull dogs were losing a lot of the bouts and this was centuries ago so they eventually started to breed the American bull dog in with terrier mixes to create a smaller more agile dog and it eventually got to about the late 1800's when the breed was actually being bred to show what is gameness and that is where the breed, they would put the dog in a round ring much like what a boxer would fight in and then you would have two handlers. Say I'm a handler and you're a handler. And inside this ring they would have what was called a scratch line. And you're probably asking me why am I talking about, ya know, pit fighting, ya know, at a hearing where they're, we're discussing vicious dogs. Well I feel that you need to know a little bit about the nature and where it came from to make a fully and honest judgment about the actual animal. The pit bull was originally bred to show gameness and to never show any type of human aggression. If I was handler and you were another pit handler during the time when pit fighting or dog fighting was allowed, and the reason the pit bull gets the name pit bull is because it comes from the derogatory name of pit fighting. It is actually an American bull terrier is the real technical term for it but it gets the label pit bull terrier because it fought in a pit which was round fenced in with what was called a scratch line and I as a handler and you as a handler would go to this areas where we would be engaging our dogs in a match very, very similar to what today's boxers do and there was two types of categories of dog fighters. There was the thugs, the ones that cared nothing about their animal, only for profit and then there was the traditionalist which followed a very extremely strict set of rules that gave the pit bull the characteristics from today which was to never show human aggression under any incidence and to have gameness unto death and what gameness means, and I'm gonna explain how they define gameness. I as a handler and you as a handler at the beginning of these pit fights which were held centuries, ya know, hundreds of years ago, and today they are still fought illegally and cruelly by thugs and whatnot and people that care nothing about the animal or where it comes from. I would exchange my animal with you and you would exchange your animal with me and I would wash your dog to ensure that you didn't put anything on the dog's coat to deter biting or anything that would deter any type of biting and so if I was unable to handle your dog if your dog was unable to be handled by me it was instantly put down. Instantly put down and then they would bring the dogs to a center of a line and then they would release the dogs and the dogs would fight much like boxers do a little bit more viciously, uh, than say boxers because they are animals and then they would fight until one dog turned away and didn't want to fight anymore and then mind you these are, granted it is dog fighting and today it's very frowned upon, but for hundreds and thousands of years it has been a normal and natural thing in the world to have animal fighting and bull fighting and blood sports has been very popular throughout centuries of human existence. So the other dog was turn away and not want to fight anymore and then that is when you would take your dog and I would take my dog and you would tend to your dog much like the corner man of a boxer would do and I would do the same thing for my dog, providing fast medical assistance to allow the dog to reenter the ring. And if the other dog did not want then they would put them back to a scratch line and the other dog had the opportunity before the other dog was released to fight the other dog before the other dog was released. And if that dog that didn't want to fight anymore no longer wanted to fight he was put down for not showing gameness. Now gameness can also be determined in also weight pulling contests which are very popular among today's American pit bull terriers, agility contests and if dog didn't want to do that, if it didn't want to show that determination, that drive to be the best and to be the best at whatever it was gonna do until it had nothing left then it was put down but it was bred to be completely loving and to obey the owner and to have that gameness, that, that drive to excel in which a lot of us as people don't even experience and I just think that it's wrong to label an animal as vicious when it's in nature for every animal to fight.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Ok. I understand that and that's a very interesting story. I, I know part of it. Uhm, and, uh, by Municipal Code, this is considered a vicious animal. It cannot be found non-vicious because it is. Unless the Code gets changed, a pit bull in the City of Des Moines is a vicious animal. In the story that you were talking about, there was a trainer there, someone responsible for that dog, watching over it at all times during this. There was no one watching over that dog that day. It was illegally tied up in the front yard, no trainer there, no owner, nobody there to keep control of it.

MATTHEW KODER: Are you a pet owner ma'am?

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: I am not currently, but I have had many animals.

MATTHEW KODER: You have had many animals. Now, say, just for instance sake you were an owner of an animal that has been unjustly labeled for over 50 years worth of bad media. Cause any time there was any type of dog attacking, granted there were a few occasions where pit bulls do attack, but the media would label it as a pit bull to create that hysteria to have a better story. Now say you openly-minded open your heart to an animal that has been so wrongly labeled and you have all these restrictions against your animal you can't, you go to a park and you see Labs running around throwing Frisbees, you see, uh, Rottweilers running around with their owners, Doberman Pinchers, mutt dogs.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Dogs are not allowed to run in the City of Des Moines parks without being leashed.

MATTHEW KODER: What about in your yard?

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Not suppose to be.

MATTHEW KODER: No animal is allowed to run around in their yard?

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: They are supposed to be under control of the owner at all times.

MATTHEW KODER: Ok.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Ok. So what you're describing is, first of all, have you been to City Council to try to change the Municipal Code?

MATTHEW KODER: Yes I have.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: You have appeared before the Council?

MATTHEW KODER: I am currently trying to get some laws changed.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Have you appeared before the City Council?

MATTHEW KODER: I do not, not like in here no.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Ok. Secondly, again I go back to the responsibility. You asked if I owned an animal that was considered a vicious animal. If I owned an animal that was a vicious animal I would be a responsible pet owner and I would obey all the laws of owning that animal.

MATTHEW KODER: Have you ever tied your dog to a leashed out back?

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: I have, but it was not against the law for the type of animal that I owned. Now do you have any new information to present on this? I understand where you're coming from but it is the responsibility of the owner to keep their pet under control whether it is a vicious dog, whether it is any kind of dog and you have to obey the laws of the City. That has not been done in this case.

MATTHEW KODER: I would just like to add, or just to finish as a closing that nobody wants these things to happen. I guarantee that Nathan never expected that to happen and sure as he could, you know, could have prevented it or changed it that he would have done so.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Well, yes but he could have changed it by not letting it happen in the first place, by following the rules. It would not have happened if the dog had been taken care of the way it is required to be taken care of as a vicious animal.

MATTHEW KODER: There was somebody in the, I believe outside at the time, I'm not for sure I was not there. I would just state that the dog, he is a very friendly, very great animal.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: I'm sure it is.

MATTHEW KODER: And I just ask that you don't put him down or take him away from a family that loves him and treats him the way that he needs to be treated. They take care of him excellently. They feed him, they play with him and I just think it would be wrong to take an animal that is only doing what nature has, ya know, told him to do for hundreds and thousands of years in their breed, away from a family that loves him.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Ok. Mr. KARLZEN did you have some information to present?

NATHAN KARLZEN: I just wanted to say that I do have a six-foot fence and it's behind my garage, but I have to fix it real quick, put some boards up to make it where he can't get out. And the other thing was I wasn't even home when he attacked this dog. I was in a different town.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Right, I understand that.

NATHAN KARLZEN: So I got a phone call, so that's not my fault that he was outside. I mean, I'm just

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Sir, sir, you are ultimately responsible for every single thing this dog does as being its owner. And you have had this dog since September of 2005 according to you.

NATHAN KARLZEN: Now you guys are sitting here and saying that you are irresponsible about my dog and you guys say you have all these codes and blah, blah, blah. Well, in the insurance policy, this says anybody 18 can walk him. Anybody over 18 can put him on a lease and let him outside.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: And walk him.

NATHAN KARLZEN: Well, in my insurance thing they told me that they could be outside.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: He was tied up. The leash was tied up to something, it was not held at the other end by a human being.

NATHAN KARLZEN: Well, I don't know.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Isn't that correct?

NATHAN KARLZEN: Yeah, but I don't see how you guys can sit here and try to say that we are irresponsible and this, and this.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Sir, you own this dog.

NATHAN KARLZEN: And I take care of my dog.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: And by owning it, by purchasing it in the very beginning, you should have taken responsibility and known what the laws were for the City of Des Moines in order to own a pit bull dog. That's your responsibility to find out and it's your responsibility to carry out.

NATHAN KARLZEN: Well, I understand that, I'm just not

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Well, you are the owner of a dog that you love. I understand that.

NATHAN KARLZEN: Well, this is like my kid and you guys are sitting here acting like he's the most vicious dog around the world today. That's he's going to go around and bite everybody, attack every animal. He's not like that.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Ok. Does anyone else have anything to present today? Ok, I am going to take the, review the tape that was made of this hearing. I'm not going to make a decision today. I will review everything like I said and send out a ruling later this week. Yes, let me finish this. Upon receipt of that decision should you disagree you have three days in which to appeal the decision to the City Council. The appeal must be made in writing to the City Clerk's Office and must state the reason for the appeal and all that would be in the letter, but I have not made a definite decision yet. Yes sir, did you want to speak? If you want to talk you need to come up here. Let me swear you in, get your name and swear you in.

MARVIN WELSHER: My name is Marvin Welsher, "Welsher."

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: And your address?

MARVIN WELSHER: Excuse me?

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Your address please.

MARVIN WELSHER: 4016 Indianapolis.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Please raise your right hand. Do you Marvin Welsher, swear or affirm the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

MARVIN WELSHER: I do.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Ok, go ahead.

MARVIN WELSHER: Ok, I wasn't an actual witness to what happened. My wife was the one that was out walking our dog that got attacked, but it's not our desire that they lose their animal. You know that.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: I know that.

MARVIN WELSHER: Uh, it is just our desire to restrain properly you know so it doesn't happen again. It's tough on him and it was tough on us you know, so, if that has any play in this, you know.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: I appreciate that.

MARVIN WELSHER: You know, some of his friends were very diligent in going out and trying to break this up you know and coming down and making sure my wife was all right and what condition our dog was in, so. They were responsible in that way.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: I appreciate that.

MARVIN WELSHER: All right.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: I'll take all that into consideration. Yes sir.

NATHAN KARLZEN: Am I still allowed to get my dog back on Thursday?

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Will you please come up to the microphone.

NATHAN KARLZEN: I just want to show you these, these here. I talked to Sergeant Raudabaugh and I'm sorry but he's cold hearted. He flat out told us that he didn't know if he was going to have the decision to put our dog down and he really didn't care. And that's exactly what he told me. I got these letters, one saying that I can get my dog back this Thursday and then there's

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: That's when the quarantine is over.

NATHAN KARLZEN: Yeah.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: You'll not be able to get, uh, your dog back, I mean the very soonest would be after I have made my ruling and then normally after I've made my ruling and sent it out it's three days for you to decide if you are going to appeal it or not.

NATHAN KARLZEN: So they're not gonna put my dog down like it says in the letter.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: No. No, they're not going to do that

NATHAN KARLZEN: Well, it says we got until June 30<sup>th</sup> and then they are going to decide what to do with it.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: No, that, that was before that there was a, let me see.

NATHAN KARLZEN: Because I got that the day after the, I got the hearing paper.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: This was the letter notifying you of the hearing. This is the letter notifying you the quarantine time is up. Yeah, they will not do anything until, uh, all of your, I will make a ruling and what, then you will decide if you are going to appeal that ruling depending on how I rule. Nothing will be done until all of your appeal processes are done. Nothing will happen to your dog.

NATHAN KARLZEN: Do you know how long that will take?

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: If I would rule that it is a dangerous dog, then, uh, you could appeal that to the City Council. The City Council would hear it at their next City Council meeting which, uhm, I think is the 10<sup>th</sup> of July and so at that point the City Council would decide if they were going to abide by my ruling or if they were going to rule in your favor. If they ruled in your favor then you'd be able to get your dog. If they uphold my ruling then you could appeal that to Polk County District Court and then you could appeal that to the Iowa Supreme Court. But until all of the appeal status is done, your dog will remain at the shelter, but nothing will happen to it.

NATHAN KARLZEN: Will we be allowed to see him after the 30<sup>th</sup>?

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: I don't' believe they allow anyone to see the dog, no.

NATHAN KARLZEN: Ok.

HEARING OFFICER LEANN DUCEY: Did you want these? Ok, thank you everyone for coming in.

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June 21, 2006

Mr. Nathan Karlzen 3910 Indianapolis Avenue Des Moines, Iowa

On June 19, 2006 your tan colored male Pit Bull dog was "chained up" in your yard when it broke loose, ran into the street and attacked and injured a dog being walked by it's owner.

During the investigation your dog was found to be unlicensed and no rabies information was readily available, subsequently your dog was impounded for quarantine at the animal shelter.

Since then the City Veterinarian has evaluated your dog and determined that it exhibits predominate characteristics of a "Vicious Dog," defined by city ordinance as a Staffordshire Terrier or an American Pit Bull Terrier or an American Staffordshire Terrier or a dog which has the appearance and characteristics of being predominately of those breeds.

Because your dog is defined as a vicious dog and was not properly confined or leashed, in accordance with the vicious dog ordinance, and was involved in an unprovoked bite it is being declared a dangerous animal.

An administrative hearing to review the "Dangerous Animal" declaration has been scheduled for 1:00 P.M. on Monday, June 26, 2006 in the City Council Chambers in the Des Moines City Hall at 400 Robert D. Ray Drive.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Scott Raudabaugh,

Chief Humane Officer

cc: City Legal Department City Clerk's Office

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#### CITY OF DES MOINES ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT

DATE: 6-20-06

REFERENCE: ANIMAL HISTORY REPORT # 06-24633

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### Vicious Dog Notification

7006 - 74633 HR: \_\_\_\_\_ Case:

Dog Owners Name: NATHAN KARLZENAddress 3910 INSTANAMILE
Date Declared Vicious:
Date and time the Vicious Dog Lener was delivered: 6-22-06 0905 hrs
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Animal Control Officer that delivered the letter: Della Howsa 722(e)
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Name of Person that received the letter
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Animal Control Officer that delivered the letter:
Appealed to City Council: Hearing Date
New Suspense Date:
Euthanized: Licensed as a Vicious Dog:
Removed from the City:
Check of the Animal Control Unit's records for past complaints on that address, dog and owner.  This will include the "Address" Database and the Trip Cards:

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June 21, 2006

Mr. Nathan Karlzen 3910 Indianapolis Avenue Des Moines, Iowa

On June 19, 2006 your tan colored male Pit Bull dog was "chained up" in your yard when it broke loose, ran into the street and attacked and injured a dog being walked by it's owner.

During the investigation your dog was found to be unlicensed and no rabies information was readily available, subsequently your dog was impounded for quarantine at the animal shelter.

Since then the City Veterinarian has evaluated your dog and determined that it exhibits predominate characteristics of a "Vicious Dog," defined by city ordinance as a Staffordshire Terrier or an American Pit Bull Terrier or an American Staffordshire Terrier or a dog which has the appearance and characteristics of being predominately of those breeds.

Because your dog is defined as a vicious dog and was not properly confined or leashed, in accordance with the vicious dog ordinance, and was involved in an unprovoked bite it is being declared a dangerous animal.

An administrative hearing to review the "Dangerous Animal" declaration has been scheduled for 1:00 P.M. on Monday, June 26, 2006 in the City Council Chambers in the Des Moines City Hall at 400 Robert D. Ray Drive.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Scott Raudabaugh, Chief Humane Officer

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cc: City Legal Department City Clerk's Office



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kennel. Liust hav	en't g	ot it put up." I aske	d Nathan if	his dog is	ilcensed? He	e said, "No."	
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7. Kind of Report Continued ☐ Witness Statement  ☐ Followup or Supplemental or Prosecution ☐ Offense ☐ Arrest				8. Multiple Clear Up?   Yes (list other case numbers in narrative)					
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# ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT

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DATE:	THE PARTY NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE OWNER.	-	_

REFERENCE: ANIMAL HISTORY REPORT # 06-24633

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I have examined this dog and found it to have the predominant characteristics of the American Staffordshire Terrier breed. This decision is based on the following physical

features	of the dog:		
	MEDIUM LENGTH	SHOULDERS:STRONG	,
	DEEP TROUGH	MUSCULAR	
	ZEROAD SKULL	NECK: HEAVY  SLIGHTLY ARCHED	
	PRONGUNCED CHEEK MUSCLES	TAPERS FROM BACK OF	
MIZZLE:	MEDIUM LENGTH	SKULL TO SHOULDERS	
, 18 0 22 20 14 20	JAWS WELL DEFINED	TAIL: LOW SET	
	BLACK NOSE - b row a	NOT CURLED OVER BACK	
BACK:	FAIRLY SHORT  SLIGHT SLOPING FROM WITHERS TO RUMP	COAT: SHORT	
BODY:	WELL SPRUNG RIBS	CLOSSY	
•	FORELEGS SET RATHER FAR APART	EYES: DARK AND ROUND	
	CHEST DEEP AND BROAD	LOW DOWN IN SKULL  SET FAR APART	
LEGS:	STRAIGHT FRONT LEGS		
	HINDQUARTERS WELL MUSCLED	SIZE: 21 INCHES AT SHOULDERS	
	MODERATE SIZE FEET	> UBS.	
COLOR:	rel	an Bers.	Ø
	rrs: male		

