

To the Tahlequah City Council Members Respectively,

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This letter will serve as an Appeal of Abatement Activity Number: VN-VEG-21-2017 with a stated Activity Cause: Complaints. In which Vick Greene states our canines Eddy and Carol Ann were in the road at the intersection causing a disturbance for traffic by barking and growling at the traffic. Unfortunately, they escaped their enclosure due to damage from the storm of the previous night. Vicky insisit that she has given me plenty of warnings I do admit this is somewhat true. This is the very first written communication that I have received. I am appealing the decision to label and ban our dogs from the City of Tahlequah. Due to the fact these animals are not viscous and were acting out of fear from being pursued by individuals (Ms. Green and Mr. Hammond). Ms. Green had a catch pole and Mr. Hammond picked up our shovel when approaching our male dog Eddie. He was afraid and they bolted back into their yard when they were able.

Neither, Eddie or Carol Ann have bitten any human or attempted to harm a person. Eddie is my wife's Service Animal since she has major disabilities. He has visited her at the City hospital, St Johns, and many doctors visits she has attended with him. We have also taken him to Walmart and several local restaurants without any incidents this was very much an unfortunate isolated incident and we are extremely remorseful that this has happened. I will provide Vet records and character statement of individuals who know these dogs are not viscous. We have grandchildren and love them dearly. If the dogs were a danger of biting our grandchildren, the grandchildren come first. I would have had them humanly euthanized. We will do whatever it takes to assure you we can remedy his situation. I am going to look into what it will take to reinforce fencing and possibly install a privacy fence. With all the EMS personnel, home health nurses visits my wife has had never was there an incident like this. I am not rich and work like everybody else but I feel any money spent on maintaining our home with our animals would be well worth. So, if we can get a reprieve on labeling our dogs Viscous Animals we would be grateful.

Our animals, are up on their vaccinations and have seen the same Veterinary service since they were born. Originally they were seen by Dr. Mike Sheets and now they see Dr. Hobbs at the same clinic. I was told that if a dog bites or has the propensity to bite they would have in their Vet records that they need to be muzzled. None of our dogs have a muzzle requirement on their records. If there are actual records of the dogs mentioned ever biting a human then I hope the document from is from a police authority or medical establishment to show proof positive. As I said we do not want anyone t be hurt animal or human. I know the police and medical personnel are mandated to record and report dog bites.

Thank you,  Date 10/21/2021