



**CITY OF ESSEX JUNCTION
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Online & 2 Lincoln St.
Essex Junction, VT 05452
Wednesday, April 3, 2024
6:30 PM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** [6:30 PM]
2. **AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES**
3. **APPROVE AGENDA**
4. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**
 - a. Comments from Public
5. **VICIOUS DOG HEARING**
6. **ADJOURN**

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DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM



Date: March 29, 2024

To: City of Essex Junction, City Council

CC. Regina Maloney, City Manager
Chief Ron Hoague, Chief of Police

From: Lt. Robert Kissinger, Executive Officer 

Re: Potentially Vicious Dog Hearing

Action(s)

Request to be put on the agenda for a potentially vicious dog hearing involving Jamie Blake and her dog Dozer.



**ESSEX POLICE DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF VERMONT
COUNTY OF CHITTENDEN S.S.

1. Now comes **LIEUTENANT ROBERT KISSINGER**, Affiant, being duly sworn and on oath deposes and says:
2. On March 29, 2024, I was made aware of a dog bite that had occurred on March 28, 2024, at approximately 9:49 pm. Officers from the Essex Police Department responded to [REDACTED] on the City of Essex Junction, VT for a report of an animal bite. The investigation determined one of the dogs involved in the altercation was Dozer, Pitbull owned by Jamie Blake.
3. Dozer attacked Mei Mei a 2.5 y.o. female mix owned by Jeremy Herrera, [REDACTED] Essex Jct., VT. Mr. Herrera sustained minor lacerations to his hand while Mei Mei sustained a laceration and puncture to her left leg area.

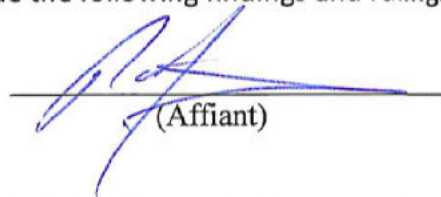


4. This is the second unprovoked attack that I am aware of involving Ms. Blake's dog Dozer. The first incident occurred on January 9th, 2024, where Dozer left his residence, [REDACTED] Essex Jct., VT and unprovoked, attacked another dog, Daisy that was being walked on leash. As a result, Daisy sustained injuries to her left leg and needed veterinarian treatment. The owner of Daisy, Amanda Sayles requested a potentially vicious dog hearing. (24ES000254)
5. A potentially vicious dog hearing complaint was filed by Amanda Sayles. The Essex Junction City Council held a hearing on January 19, 2024, where it made the following findings and rulings:

Subscribed and sworn to before me
on March 29, 2024, at Essex.



(Notary Public)



(Affiant)

(Date)



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A) Findings

- i. Dozer is a dog owned by Jamie Blake, a resident of the City of Essex Junction.
- ii. At the time of this incident, Dozer was not registered in the City of Essex Junction. Dozer was registered by Jamie Blake on January 19, 2024.
- iii. On January 9, 2024, Dozer engaged in an unprovoked dog attack of another dog owned by Amanda Sayles.
- iv. During that attack, Dozer bit Daisy.
- v. Amanda Sayles sustained minor injuries for which she sought and received medical attention.
- vi. The Council finds Dozer to be a potentially vicious dog, as defined in Section 503(F) of the Code.


B) Rulings

- i. It is necessary for the protection of persons in the City of Essex Junction for the Council to impose the following conditions upon Dozer:
 - 1. Prior to the dog being released from impoundment, an appointment shall be scheduled with the Animal Control officer to verify the fence is a complete enclosure and sufficient height to keep Dozer on the property.
 - 2. At no time shall Dozer be outside the fenced in area unless muzzled and on a leash.
 - 3. Dozer must undergo training by a certified trainer or facility to address aggression within 60 days. Training verification must be submitted no later than 60 days to the City Manager and the Animal Control Officer.
 - 4. Dozer can only be released to the dog owner.
 - 5. A fine of \$500 for violating Section 510 - Running at Large and Section 508 – Dog Bites on the date of this incident.
 - 6. Jamie Blake will keep Dozer registered and up to date on rabies vaccination within timelines set by the City of Essex Junction. Jamie Blake will provide copies of these documents to the City Clerk for recording immediately.
 - 7. The above listed requirements shall be completed within seven (7) days of issuance of this order to Jaime Blake, unless stated otherwise.
6. By Dozer leaving his property, [REDACTED] unmuzzled and not on a leash, attacking another dog at [REDACTED] Ms. Blake violated section "B(i)(2)" of the City Council's Order where "At no time shall Dozer be outside the fenced in area unless muzzled and on a leash."

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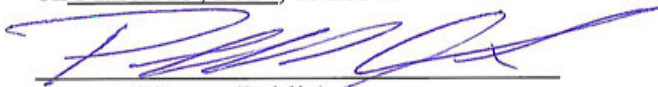


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7. Dozer has been involved in two unprovoked attacks since January 2024 where the parties, owner and dog, have sustained injuries. I respectfully request a vicious dog hearing be held as described City of Essex Junction, Municipal Code, Chapter 5 – Regulation of Dogs, Section 507(B) Potentially Vicious Dogs.

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(Notary Public)



(Affiant)

(Date)

Initial Call Information - [Animal - Bite] 03/28/24 21:49 : ██████████ Essex Junction City, VT

Incident Number: 24ES002345
Call Time: 2024-03-28 21:49:00 -0400
Call Type: Animal - Bite
Primary Ofc.: M403: Feit, Sabrina
Owner.: M404: Fournier, Robert

Call Type: Animal - Bite
Call Priority: In Progress
Call Origin: Phone
Date & Time of Call: 03/28/2024 21:49
Location of Call: ██████████ Essex Junction City, VT

Area: ██████████
Team: ██████████
Incident Number: 24ES002345
 Roll Call
 Cancelled
By: Owner: M404: Fournier, Robert
Complainant: ██████████
Incident Codes: Race Data Present
Common Call Type: *Animals

Drugs Involved: Opiate blocker, Mental Health, DOMV, Cargo theft
Alarm Number:
Incident flags

Witness List

Person Type: Caller
Name: Barrette, Samantha J
DOB: ██████████
Primary Phone: ██████████
Bus. Address: ██████████ Colchester, VT, 05446

Person Type: Victim
Name: Herrera, Jeremy J
DOB: ██████████
Primary Phone: ██████████
Bus. Address: ██████████ Burlington, VT, 05401

Person Type: Owner
Name: Blake, Jamie R
DOB: ██████████
Primary Phone: ██████████
Bus. Address: ██████████ Essex Junction City, VT, 05452

Person Type: Parent/Guardian
Name: Benoit, Jody L
DOB: ██████████
Primary Phone: ██████████
Bus. Address: ██████████ Essex Junction City, VT, 05452

Responding Officers

Officer name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dispatched	Enroute	OnScene	Cleared	Secondary Loc.
M403: Feit, Sabrina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	03/28/24 21:50:29	03/28/24 21:50:36	03/28/24 21:54:09	03/29/24 01:36:47	<input type="text"/>
		Primary				
Officer name	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dispatched	Enroute	OnScene	Cleared	Secondary Loc.
M404: Fournier, Ro	<input type="checkbox"/>	03/28/24 21:50:34	03/28/24 21:50:37	03/28/24 22:06:30	03/28/24 22:25:53	<input type="text"/>
		Primary				

Dispatch Narratives

----- WT99ST: Turner, Samantha - 03/29/24 01:25 -----

Jamie here to pick up Dover - driven by [REDACTED]

----- WT99ST: Turner, Samantha - 03/28/24 23:50 -----

jamie on 21 transferred to 403

----- WT99ST: Turner, Samantha - 03/28/24 22:06 -----

both units 101

----- WT99ST: Turner, Samantha - 03/28/24 22:01 -----

403- Jeremy was the one bit, looks like other dog is a stray. Bringing dog back to s1

----- WT99ST: Turner, Samantha - 03/28/24 21:54 -----

403- out w/ them by the pool

----- WT99ST: Turner, Samantha - 03/28/24 21:54 -----

403- no one outside [REDACTED]

----- WT99ST: Turner, Samantha - 03/28/24 21:51 -----

911 422 - Samantha area of [REDACTED]. Dog fight, caller has one of the dogs. One party possible bites on his hand denying rescue per caller cb [REDACTED]

----- WT99JK: Kilpeck, Jacob - 03/28/24 21:50 -----

dog fight/ disturbance outside

MRI#	NCIC NIC#	Narrative	<input type="checkbox"/> Cancelled

Violation			Offense Cat	Offense SubCat	NIBRS Vio Type	Counts	#Premises
			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Comm/Att	IBR Scene/Loc Typ	IBR Crim Act Typ	IBR Gang Affil	IBR Agg.Aslt/Hom.	IBR Weapon Type	NIBRS Override	
Point Of Entry	Force/No Force	Point of Exit	Campus Code	Justifiable Homicide		Significant Event	

Narrative Type

Officer

Narrative Template

Report

M403: Feit, S:

Confidential

Narrative

On March 28th at approximately 2149 hours the Essex Police Department received a phone call from the area of [REDACTED] The 911 caller reported a possible dog fight in the area.

Upon arrival I met with Jeremy Herrera [REDACTED] and Samantha Barrette [REDACTED] Barrette was holding a Pitbull by the collar. Barrette informed me that she was inside her apartment when she heard Herrera yelling and saw that the dog she was holding was attacking his dog.

Herrera stated that he was walking his dog when suddenly this dog ran up and attacked his dog. Herrera stated he had to physically separate the dogs, causing him to get bit. Herrera had 2 small lacerations on his hand causing him to bleed. Herrera refused rescue. Herrera's dog had a laceration/ puncture on its hind leg and stated he will send a copy of the vet bill for our records. Herrera was provided all the information about dog bite procedures and the dog bite law.

Once back at the police department officers were able to identify the dog as belonging to Jaime Blake [REDACTED] from prior police interactions. I contacted Jody Benoit [REDACTED] the mother of the dog owner. Benoit informed me that the dog is current on all his shots and is registered. Benoit informed me that the dog was recently involved in another dog bite incident. The dog had various lacerations on his face, causing bleeding and swelling.

At approximately 2400 hours I received a call from Blake inquiring about her dog. I explained to Blake that her dog was involved in another dog fight that lead to a person being bit.

Blake was issued a VCVC for dogs at large and provided all the information pertaining to the dog bite. Blake was informed that she would be contacted for follow up on this incident and provided the phone number of [REDACTED] Blake stated that she was giving the dog back to her friends in NY, I informed her she could not do that during the quarantine period.

Nothing further

Cpl Feit

Offense Suspect

Offense Victim

IBR Victim-Offender

V. was LEO

V was LEO Assignment

Other ORI

Bias/Motivation (anti)

LEOKA Narrative