

October 26, 2012

Animal Control
Greater City of Sudbury

File number: 37769

To whom it may concern:

On Friday, October 26, 2012 at approximately 5:20 p.m., a dark brown Shar-pei identified by name as “Chloe”, by its female owner, Mrs. St. George, aggressively attacked the white Havanese dog, Toby, whom I (Terri Lazinski) was entrusted care of by his owners, Chris and Lise Bamber of Sudbury, Ontario.

Toby was on a leash held by me approximately two houses away—at the street corner of Ester Street and Hulda Street, on the opposite side of the road from Chloe’s home—where I observed Chloe and another dog (small white heavyset dog—Bulldog like in appearance) loose in their driveway with Mrs. St. George. Chloe started coming down the driveway of her home and the owner called out “Chloe” two to three times but the dog proceeded down the driveway onto Hulda Street to where I was standing with Toby. The owner quickly came down to the street from her driveway. I identified myself as the mother of young woman who had been attacked, unprovoked, by Chloe on Thanksgiving Day at approximately 2:30 p.m. Mrs. St. George stated she “apologizes profusely” for the attack on my daughter. This conversation lasted approximately 1 to 2 minutes when Chloe, who was standing quietly unleashed with the other white dog belonging to Mrs. St. George, suddenly and aggressively attacked Toby who was standing quietly beside me. Chloe jumped on top of Toby and was growling fiercely in front of Mrs. St. George and I. Toby yelped loudly, catching the attention of a Hulda Street neighbour, Ashley Gladu, and her parents, who witnessed the entire attack. Ashley Gladu witnessed Mrs. St. George immediately pull Chloe off Toby and proceed to hit Chloe with her hands, using strong force on the side of Chloe’s body.

The owner, Mrs. St. George, stated to me that her dog, Chloe, had suddenly started to become “aggressive” about two months ago. She stated her dog is approximately two years old. Mrs. St. George observed me inspecting Toby—there were no injuries (i.e. cuts or bleeding) noted anywhere on his body. I strongly recommended to Mrs. St. George that she have her dog muzzled or have the appropriate actions taken in regards to this dog’s violent and aggressive behaviour. I also informed her that I cared for Toby for my friends on Sunday, October 7, 2012. On this day, I took Toby for a walk on Hulda Street when Chloe started coming down the driveway of her home. There was a man, Mr. St. George, who was standing by the vehicles in his driveway and saw his dog approaching Toby. I asked him if his dog was OK with Toby and his response was “Should be.” Chloe then followed Toby and I three houses away from her home as we proceeded on our walk. At this time, Chloe was quiet and sniffing the ground behind

Toby. I did not see or hear Chloe's owner calling his dog back to the residence (2212 Hulda Street). I informed Mrs. St. George that her dog attacked my daughter the very next day.

After the attack today, Mrs. St George returned to her home holding Chloe by the collar and was observed, by me, to be kicking her dog on her side with her hand and upper thigh in a strong manner. I continued walking two houses up the street when Ashley Gladu identified herself to me stating she and her parents had witnessed the entire attack and was enquiring about our status.

Ashley stated she has called Animal Control in the past with concerns regarding Chloe's aggressive behaviour. She attests to witnessing Chloe being at large, coming to Ashley's yard (2172 Hulda Street) and that Chloe has chased her children (ages 3 years and 7 years of age) into their home. Chloe has attempted to come into Ashley's home as Ashley stood at her doorway, blocking the dog from entering her home, yelling "Get". Mr. St. George suddenly appeared and grabbed his dog (who was on Ashley's front doorstep) and took Chloe home by the collar. Ashley informed Mr. St. George to keep his dog tied up, also informing him that Chloe also comes to her front doorstep almost every night between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. growling. To this, Mr. St. George shrugged his head and walked away. Ashley Gladu has reported this dog's behaviour and lack of owner's responsibility to Sudbury Animal Control in the summer of 2012. Ashley fears to let her children play in their own yard due to the aggressive nature of this dog. Ashley's children have expressed they are terrified to play in their own yard.

Ashley and I immediately physically reassessed Toby and ensured there were no injuries on his body. We agreed immediately to contact Animal Control at Ashley's home regarding this unprovoked incident. The call to Sudbury Animal Control was placed at 5:27 p.m. on October 26, 2012. We informed a staff member, Lindsay, of the incident that just occurred with Toby as well as mentioned my daughter's unprovoked attack by the same dog on Thanksgiving Day. Lindsay was informed that the Sudbury and District Health Unit had investigated my daughter's incident with follow up concluding last week. Lindsay asked both Ashley and myself if we would be willing to write a statement and attend court in regards to these two reported incidents. We strongly agreed to this in view of the concern for our children and neighbourhood safety. We were provided with a file number and are sending this letter your office for your attention and necessary action.

At 6:20 p.m., I left a voice message on Toby's owner (who is out of town), Mr. Chris Bamber's cell phone, requesting him to contact me at home. At 8:02 p.m., Chris Bamber with his wife, Lise, in attendance, on speaker phone, contacted me at home. Ashley was at my home at the time of the call and Toby's owners were informed of today's incident with Chloe. Chris and Lise Bamber were informed that Toby had no physical injuries and he was calm and content at the time being. They stated that they did not feel a veterinarian assessment was necessary and requested that I contact them if there were any concerns that arose from this incident. I agreed to this.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter. If you have any questions or require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you regarding follow up on this matter.

To note, a signed copy of this letter will also be mailed to Greater Sudbury Animal Control.

Sincerely,

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