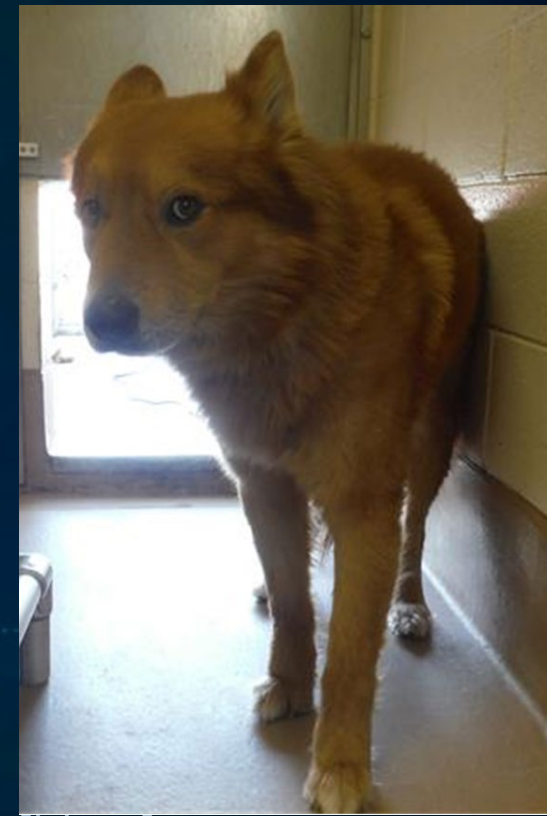


WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES




Dangerous
Dogs

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES HAS REQUESTED 69 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING FOR DANGEROUS DOG DETERMINATIONS IN THE PREVIOUS 2 YEARS. WHAT IS A DANGEROUS DOG?

- Without provocation, on two separate occasions within 18 months, it (the dog) behaved menacingly, to a degree that would lead reasonable person to defend himself against substantial bodily harm, when the dog was off the premises of its owner
- Without provocation, it killed or inflicted substantial bodily harm upon a human being on public or private property; whether on or off the property of its owner
- Without provocation, it killed or injured any domestic animal while the offending dog was off its owner's property

Who can request a hearing to determine a dog to be dangerous in Washoe County?

- Any person who has been attacked by a dog
 - Any law enforcement officer or animal control officer
 - Any person whose domestic animal has been attacked by a dog, without provocation, and which has been killed or injured by said dog
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In the previous 2 years, how many dogs have had a hearing to determine if they were dangerous or not in Washoe County? Of those hearings, how many dogs were determined to be dangerous?

- There have been a total of 69 dogs requested to be determined dangerous
- Of the 69 dogs requested, it was determined by the administrative hearing officers that 52 of these dogs were dangerous, and 17 were not
 - Why were 17 of the dogs not declared dangerous?
 - If the person who requested the hearing does not show up to testify
 - If the hearing officer does not find enough evidence to determine the requirements of the ordinance have been met
 - During the hearing, dog owners and the requesting parties may come up with an agreement and request to cancel the request
 - On occasion, dogs have shown that they meet the requirements to be deemed dangerous, but the owners have proven to the hearing officer that they have made changes to prevent any future incidents from occurring

***GRAPHIC CONTENT

The next slides show some examples of wounds caused by dogs that were declared dangerous. There are injuries to dogs, adults and children in the next slides.



Open chest wound from dog attack



Dogs back broken from a dog attack



Child bitten by a dog that jumped out of its yard



Child attacked by two family dogs



Dog injured after being attacked by another dog



Dog bite to victims arm



Families pet turkey killed by 2 loose dogs



Bite wounds sustained when a woman was attacked by 7 loose dogs

69 hearing requests occurred for dogs in Washoe County. What happened with the dog's while waiting for the hearings to occur?

- If WCRAS has possession of the dog(s) they will remain at the regional animal shelter until the hearing is held
- If the dog is a threat to public safety, it will be impounded to the regional animal shelter
- A dog may stay at the owner's premises if they have a secure and lockable location approved by regional animal services
- If a dog then is found running at large, unrestrained, attacks another animal or person prior the hearing, the dog will be impounded to the regional animal shelter.
- Of the 69 hearing requests, 35 of the dogs were impounded and housed at the regional animal shelter.

