



Board of Health

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
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Agenda

Monday, September 29, 2025

5:15 PM

Council Chambers and Virtual

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.84, Notice is hereby given to the public that a meeting of the **Board of Health** of the City of De Pere will be held on **September 29, 2025 at 5:15 PM** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR CITY HALL, 335 S. BROADWAY STREET. DE PERE.**

The Public or Members of the Board of Health, which may count toward an official quorum, may attend the meeting either in person in the Council Chambers or telephonically or electronically via video conferencing or other appropriate technological means. Telephonic or electronic access to the meeting is provided below:

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Call to Order

1. Roll Call
2. Public comment on matters not on the agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. §6-3(f) DPMC
3. Hearing on the City of De Pere Determination of Dangerous Animal Order- 312 S. Webster St. issued by De Pere Health Director, Chrystal Woller on 08/11/2025. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(a), the Board may convene in closed session for the purpose of deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body. The Board may then reconvene in open session to take action on any matter discussed in closed session or for such other purposes as are allowed by law.
4. Hearing on the City of De Pere Determination to Revoke Animal Variance- 312 S. Webster St. issued by De Pere Health Director, Chrystal Woller on 08/11/2025. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that

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5. Adjournment

Any person wishing to attend this meeting who, because of disability, requires special accommodations should contact the Clerk's office at 339-4050 by Noon, the previous day so that arrangements can be made.

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Request for Board of Health Action

MEETING DATE: September 29, 2025
DEPARTMENT: Health
FROM: Chrystal Woller, Health Director/Officer
SUBJECT: Hearing on the City of De Pere Determination of Dangerous Animal Order- 312 S. Webster St. issued by De Pere Health Director, Chrystal Woller on 08/11/2025. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(a), the Board may convene in closed session for the purpose of deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body. The Board may then reconvene in open session to take action on any matter discussed in closed session or for such other purposes as are allowed by law.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: staff issued order on 8/11/25, recommends upholding order

See attached documents

ATTACHMENTS:
dangerous dog documentation for meeting 9.29.25

CITY OF DE PERE RABIES CONTROL ORDER

Investigating Officer Name and Number: <u>Witkowski #455</u>		Report No: <u>24-106098</u>
Address of Incident: <u>312 S Webster Ave</u>		Date & Time Reported: <u>5/29/24 6:13 PM</u> Date & Time of Incident: <u>5/29/24 6:13 PM</u>
Owner/Animal Information:		
Owner Name: <u>Marypat Barrett</u>	DOB:	Home Telephone #:
Street Address:		Work Telephone #:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Ferret <input type="checkbox"/> Stray <input type="checkbox"/> Wild <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Animal Name: <u>Mac</u>	Breed/Species: <u>Beagle</u>	Color: <u>Black/Brown/White</u>
Rabies Vaccine Current: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Rabies Vaccination Date: <u>5/9/23</u>	Rabies Expiration Date: <u>5/8/26</u> Rabies Tag: <u>23-23485</u>
Dog License #: <u>N/A</u>	Year of License: <u>2024</u>	Verified: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Veterinary Clinic: <u>Animal Hospital of Howard</u>		
Description of Injury		
Injury location and severity: <u>Minor lacerations on right hand</u>		
Please check appropriate box(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Provoked <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unprovoked <input type="checkbox"/> Loose <input type="checkbox"/> Captured <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Property <input type="checkbox"/> Off Property <input type="checkbox"/> Contained <input type="checkbox"/> Normal Behavior <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abnormal Behavior <input type="checkbox"/> Not Found <input type="checkbox"/> Euthanized		Officer comments:
Orders Issued on Animal: Quarantined At: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owner's Property <input type="checkbox"/> Isolation Facility at: <u>312 S Webster Ave</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Submit for Rabies Testing		
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RETURN THE VET SIGNATURES NO LATER THAN TWO DAYS AFTER COMPLETION TO : DE PERE HEALTH DEPARTMENT • 335 S BROADWAY STREET • DE PERE WI 54115 • 920-339-4054		
DE PERE POLICE AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARANTINE ORDERS		
Examination Log - Checks of Animal in Quarantine: <u>Animal Hospital of Howard</u> Veterinarian Clinic		<u>JK 2574L-455</u> <u>24-106098</u> Signature of Officer Report #
Veterinarian Signature _____ Date _____	<u>Marypat Barrett</u> Signature of Animal Owner	
Veterinarian Signature _____ Date _____	Animal Owner Reminder: 1. Properly Quarantine the animal. 2. Have three (3) Veterinarian checks. 3. Return a copy of the Vet signatures to the health dept.	
Veterinarian Signature _____ Date _____	If rabies testing ordered: Veterinarian/Clinic: _____ Date Submitted: _____	
Rabies Vaccination _____ Date Given _____		
Person Exposed:		
Name:	DOB:	Home Telephone #:
Parent/Guardian (if minor): <u>Marypat Barrett</u>		Work Telephone #:
Street Address:		
Physician:		
Medical Clinic: <u>Aurora Urgent Care</u>		



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24-106098	24-106098	ANIMAL COMPLAINT

Narrative of Events (WITKOWSKI, K. T.) Submitted by WITKOWSKI, K. T.(5/29/2024 8:29:29 PM)

INITIAL DISPATCH

On May 29 th , 2024, at approximately 6:13 pm, I, Officer K. Witkowski #455 of the De Pere Police Department, was dispatched to a disturbance at 312 S Webster Ave in the City of De Pere. The complainant, ANDREW R ROPSON, advised dispatch that his stepson, , got mad because two of their dogs were fighting. ANDREW advised dispatch that had started trashing things and was currently walking northbound on Webster Ave and later eastbound on Charles St. Officer J. Renon #434, Officer C. Macrander #454, and Officer A. Heynen #441 were also dispatched due to being uncooperative with officers in the past.

ARRIVAL ON SCENE

I arrived in the area of 312 S Webster Ave at approximately 6:17 pm. As I passed 312 S Webster Ave, I observed that part of the fence along the sidewalk had been knocked down or had been damaged. I turned eastbound on Charles St from S Webster Ave, and I immediately located turned southbound on Scout Way, and I attempted contact with him. I pulled my squad car up to the curb and asked to stop walking. He stated he didn 't want to talk to me, and he just kept walking. After multiple requests to stop and talk to me, he finally stopped and allowed me to exit my squad car and walk up to him.

was calm but appeared to be upset. Officer Renon then arrived on scene to assist. initially did not provide officers with much information. He just stated that his brother 's dog attacked his dog and ripped its ear off. He then stated that he wasn 't going back to his house no matter what and that he was going to walk to his dad 's house, which he stated was in Green Bay, WI on . He eventually provided officers with more detail. He stated that his brother 's dog attacked his dog for no reason. He stated his dog 's ear was almost fully torn off. stated while his brother 's dog was attacking him, he tried to intervene. He stated he grabbed onto his brother 's dog 's mouth in an attempt to get its mouth off his dog. He stated his hand got bitten in the process. I then observed 'S knuckle on his right hand to be bleeding. He stated he then stormed out of the house and started walking because he didn 't want to live in that house anymore. also admitted to damaging the fence in the yard on his way out. Officer Macrander arrived on scene and spoke with 'S mother, MARYPATRICIA M BARRETT, Officer Macrander advised me that her version of events was essentially the same as See his report for further information on that.

OFFICER 'S ACTIONS

had drastically calmed down at this point. It was determined that there would be no action taken regarding the disturbance aspect of this incident. arrived on scene, and agreed to go with him for a little while. MARYPATRICIA also later informed me that offered to have stay at his house for the night. The officers and then went back to 312 S Webster Ave where his mother gave him some of his belongings to take with him. Before he left, I asked if he wanted to have his injuries assessed by EMS, and he refused. I took pictures of injuries with my squad cell phone, and I uploaded those pictures to evidence.com. then left the scene with his mentor.

ANIMAL BITE FORMS

I then completed two City of De Pere Rabies Control Order forms: one for animal vs animal and one for animal vs human . MARYPATRICIA advised that she had just taken her dog "Mac " to the vet, so she believed Mac was on edge. She stated Mac had a cone around his neck, and she believed that "Grizzley " accidentally bumped into the end of the cone, which upset/startled Mac. MARYPATRICIA stated both Mac and Grizzley started going at it. Mac ended up biting Grizzley 's right ear, causing Grizzley 's ear to be partially ripped off (about 1 inch). This was when stepped in to protect his dog (Grizzley)



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and got bit in the hand in the process.

Both dogs are technically owned by MARYPATRICIA. Both dogs are beagles and are black/brown/white in color. Mac is up to date on his rabies vaccination (tag #23-23485, expiration date of 05/08/2026). Grizzley is up to date on his rabies vaccination (tag #21-211135, expiration date of 11/21/2024). MARYPATRICIA was unable to find her City of De Pere dog license paperwork for either dog. While I was on scene, she purchased city dog licenses for both dogs. She showed me the receipt for her purchase, and I took a picture of it with my squad cell phone. The receipt did not have a license number on it. After completing both animal bite forms, I distributed the appropriate copies of the form to the appropriate parties. I had advised before he left that I would be leaving his copy of the animal bite form with MARYPATRICIA. I explained to MARYPATRICIA the quarantine process and the mandatory veterinarian check-ups, and she understood. She was directed to contact the health department for any questions regarding that. During my entire interaction with Mac and Grizzley, neither appeared to be aggressive or overly excited. MARYPATRICIA reintroduced Mac and Grizzley together, and they were not aggressive towards each other whatsoever. Grizzley was taken to an animal hospital in Wausau, WI to receive medical care, so I was unable to see or photograph the injuries. I took a picture of Mac wearing his cone, and I uploaded that picture to evidence.com.

CASE STATUS

This case can be considered closed. No action was taken regarding the disturbance. Two animal bite forms were completed and sent over to the health department. The forms were also scanned into this report.

END OF REPORT - Officer K. Witkowski #455, BWC on

CITY OF DE PERE RABIES CONTROL REPORT FOR AN ANIMAL/ANIMAL INCIDENT

Investigating Officer Name and Number: <u>Murander 454</u>		Report No: <u>24-106098</u>	
Address of Incident: <u>312 S Webster</u>		Date & Time Reported: <u>5/29/24 1813</u>	Date & Time of Incident: <u>5/29/24 1813</u>
Animal Information (Attacking Animal):			
Animal Name: <u>Mac</u>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Ferret <input type="checkbox"/> Stray <input type="checkbox"/> Wild <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Breed/Species: <u>Beagle</u>	Color: <u>Black/Brown/White</u>
Rabies Current: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Rabies Vaccination Date: <u>5/9/23</u>	Rabies Expiration Date: <u>5/8/26</u>	Rabies Tag: <u>23-23485</u>
Dog License #: _____ Verified: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Year of License: <u>2024</u>	Officer comments:	
Animal Owner Information (Attacking Animal):			
Name: <u>Marypat Barrett</u>		DOB: _____	Home Telephone #: _____
Street Address: _____		Work Telephone #: _____	
Veterinary Clinic Name: <u>Am Animal Hospital of Howard</u>			
Examination Log - Checks of Animal in Quarantine: <u>Animal Hospital of Howard</u>		<u>JK WITTL #455</u> <u>24-106098</u> Signature of Officer Report #	
Veterinarian Clinic		<u>Marypat Barrett</u> Signature of Animal Owner	
Veterinarian Signature	Date		
Veterinarian Signature	Date		
Veterinarian Signature	Date		
Rabies Vaccination	Date Given	If Rabies testing ordered: Veterinarian/Clinic: _____ Date Submitted: _____	
Exposed Animal:			
Animal Name: <u>Grizzley</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Ferret <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Rabies Current: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Rabies Expiration Date: <u>11/21/24</u>	Rabies Tag #: <u>21-211135</u>	Breed: <u>Beagle</u> Color: <u>Black/Brown/White</u>
Dog License #: <u>N/A</u>	Year of License: <u>2024</u>	Verified: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Veterinary Clinic: <u>Animal Hospital of Howard</u>
Owner Information (Exposed Animal):			
Name: <u>Marypat Barrett</u>		DOB: _____	Home Telephone #: _____
Street Address: _____		Work Telephone #: _____	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Ferret <input type="checkbox"/> Stray <input type="checkbox"/> Wild <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Breed/Species: <u>Beagle</u>	Name: <u>Grizzley</u> Color: <u>Black/Brown/White</u>
Rabies Current: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Rabies Vaccination Date: <u>11/21/24</u>	Rabies Expiration Date: <u>11/21/24</u>	Rabies Tag: <u>21-211135</u>
Dog License #: <u>N/A</u>	Year of License: <u>2024</u>	Verified: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Veterinary Clinic: <u>Animal Hospital of Howard</u>			

Distribution: White-Law Enforcement Yellow-Health Department Pink-Victim Goldenrod-Animal Owner DPHD 2/2024



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Narrative of Events (MACRANDER, C. K.) Submitted by MACRANDER, C. K.(5/29/2024 9:50:17 PM)

PATCH

On 05/29/24, at around 1813 hours, I was dispatched to a disturbance at 312 S Webster Ave, De Pere, WI. Marypatricia M Barrett (DOB:) reported to Dispatch that her son was "trashing things " in the house after two of the family dogs fought. She reported her son was walking northbound on Webster Ave.

Due to prior calls for service, I knew the son to be and is known become combative.

Officer Witkowski #455 advised he located on Scout Way. Officer Renon #434 arrived on Scout Way as well. and step-father also arrived on Scout Way.

CONTACT WITH COMPLAINANT

I made contact with Marypatricia at the call address. Marypatricia provided me the following summary:

has been irritable recently due to high school graduation being today and relationship issues. There are 3 dogs that live in the home. The oldest dog is "Grizzley " and the youngest is "Mac. " Marypatricia owns all the animals but Grizzley is dog. Mac recently had a vet visit and has been in a cone. Grizzley bumped into the cone and all three dogs were startled. Mac and Grizzley began fighting. Mac bit Grizzley 's ear and tore part of it. She said they were able to get the dogs separated but was furious. She gave Mac to a family member to take to another room. tried to chase after Mac. Once the dog was secluded in a separate room, yelled at Marypatricia before leaving the home on foot. Once he was outside, he began damaging the fencing in the front yard. She said the entire interaction was roughly 3 minutes.

I viewed the front fence area. The fenced area was multiple single fence panels posted into the ground, roughly waist high. It appeared 3 to 4 were bent.

Marypatricia brought out Grizzley. His head was bandaged and gauzed. Marypatricia removed part of the bandage and I viewed part of Grizzley 's right ear partially ripped and dangling. She said she would be taking the dog to the veterinary to get stitches.

After speaking with officers on scene and parties involved, it was determined that would take a drive with to calm down.

Officer Witkowski remained on scene to collect information regarding the animals.

I was no longer needed on scene and left the area.

End of report. See Ofc. Witkowski 's report for additional information.

My BWC was active.

CITY OF DE PERE RABIES CONTROL ORDER

Investigating Officer Name and Number: <u>G Walsh #458</u>		Report No: <u>25-104132</u>
Address of Incident: <u>312 S. Webster Ave</u>		Date & Time Reported: <u>10:30am 4/23</u>
		Date & Time of Incident: <u>10:30am 4/23</u>
Owner/Animal Information:		
Owner Name: <u>Andrew R. Radson</u>	DOB: _____	Home Telephone #: _____
Street Address: _____	Work Telephone #: _____	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Ferret <input type="checkbox"/> Stray <input type="checkbox"/> Wild <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Animal Name: <u>Mac</u>	Breed/Species: <u>Beagle</u>	Color: <u>Black/Brown</u>
Rabies Vaccine Current: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Rabies Vaccination Date: <u>5/19/23</u>	Rabies Expiration Date: <u>5/18/26</u>
Dog License #: <u>S663</u>	Year of License: <u>2024</u>	Verified: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Veterinary Clinic: <u>Animal Hospital - Howard</u>		
Description of Injury		
Injury location and severity: <u>2 puncture marks in Breasts and 1 mark in left arm</u>		
Please check appropriate box(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provoked <input type="checkbox"/> Unprovoked <input type="checkbox"/> Loose <input type="checkbox"/> Captured <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Property <input type="checkbox"/> Off Property <input type="checkbox"/> Contained <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal Behavior <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal Behavior <input type="checkbox"/> Not Found <input type="checkbox"/> Euthanized		Officer comments: <u>person exposed went past fence after being told not to</u>
Orders Issued on Animal: Quarantined At: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owner's Property <input type="checkbox"/> Isolation Facility at: <u>312 S. Webster Ave</u>		
Submit for Rabies Testing		
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DE PERE POLICE AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARANTINE ORDERS		
Examination Log - Checks of Animal in Quarantine:		
Veterinarian Clinic		Signature of Officer: <u>[Signature]</u> Report #: <u>25-104132</u>
Veterinarian Signature	Date	Signature of Animal Owner: <u>[Signature]</u>
Veterinarian Signature	Date	Animal Owner Reminder: 1. Properly Quarantine the animal. 2. Have three (3) Veterinarian checks. 3. Return a copy of the Vet signatures to the health dept.
Veterinarian Signature	Date	
Rabies Vaccination	Date Given	If rabies testing ordered: Veterinarian/Clinic: _____ Date Submitted: _____
Person Exposed:		
Name: _____	DOB: _____	Home Telephone #: _____
Parent/Guardian (if minor): _____	Work Telephone #: _____	
Street Address: _____		
Physician: _____		
Medical Clinic: <u>The Decore</u>		

CITY OF DE PERE RABIES CONTROL ORDER

Investigating Officer Name and Number: G. Walsh #458 Report No: 25-104132

Address of Incident: 312 S. Webster Ave Date & Time Reported: 10:30am 4/23 Date & Time of Incident: 10:30am 4/23

Owner/Animal Information:

Owner Name: Andrew R. Rapson DOB: _____ Home Telephone #: _____

Street Address: _____ Work Telephone #: _____

Dog Cat Ferret Stray Wild Other

Animal Name: Buddy Breed/Species: Beagle Color: Black/Brown

Rabies Vaccine Current: Yes No N/A Rabies Vaccination Date: 1/8/25 Rabies Expiration Date: 1/8/28 Rabies Tag: 25-25143

Dog License #: 5443 Year of License: 2024 Not License Verified: Yes No

Veterinary Clinic: Animal Hospital - Howard

Description of Injury

Injury location and severity: 2 Puncture marks in breasts and 1 Puncture mark in left arm

Please check appropriate box(s):
 Provoked Unprovoked Loose Captured
 On Property Off Property Contained
 Normal Behavior Abnormal Behavior Not Found Euthanized

Officer comments:
person exposed went past fence after being told not to

Orders Issued on Animal:
 Quarantined At:
 Owner's Property Isolation Facility at:
312 S. Webster Ave

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DE PERE POLICE AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARANTINE ORDERS

Examination Log - Checks of Animal in Quarantine:

Veterinarian Clinic	_____
Veterinarian Signature	_____ Date _____
Veterinarian Signature	_____ Date _____
Veterinarian Signature	_____ Date _____
Rabies Vaccination	_____ Date Given _____

Signature of Officer: [Signature] Report #: 25-104132

Signature of Animal Owner: [Signature]

- Animal Owner Reminder:**
1. Properly Quarantine the animal.
 2. Have three (3) Veterinarian checks.
 3. Return a copy of the Vet signatures to the health dept.

If rabies testing ordered:
 Veterinarian/Clinic: _____
 Date Submitted: _____

Person Exposed:
 Name: _____ DOB: _____ Home Telephone #: _____
 Parent/Guardian (if minor): _____ Work Telephone #: _____
 Street Address: _____
 Physician: _____
 Medical Clinic: The Jacare



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25-104132	25-104132	ANIMAL COMPLAINT

Narrative of Events (WALSH, G. M.) Submitted by WALSH, G. M.(4/23/2025 7:43:40 PM)

REPORT:

On April 23, 2025, at approximately 4:48 pm, I Officer G. Walsh #458, while working as a fully uniformed Patrol Officer operating fully marked patrol squad 146, was dispatched to call my complainant in regards to a dog bite she called in earlier in the day.

This complaint was originally called in at around 10:30 am. attempted to deliver food to 312 S. Webster Ave when she was attacked and bitten by two or three different dogs. At the time of the initial incident Ofc. T. Phelps #471 was told by that she didn 't have any puncture marks on her body. He also found that was given specific instructions to not go past a certain point on the property and she did.

PHONE CONTACT WITH :

stated that after she got home from the initial incident that she found 3 different puncture marks on her body from the two dogs. She stated she had two puncture marks on her breasts and a puncture on her left arm. She stated she also had bruising on her right thigh. stated she didn 't see it right away at the address due to not seeing blood but found it when she got home due to the pain. stated she was attacked by two different dogs. stated that she knew to not go past the fence however when she got near the fence that the dogs came out and she ran towards the garage of the residence yelling for help.

CONTACT WITH DOG OWNER:

I made contact with the owner of the dogs who was identified as Andrew R. Ropson (DOB:). He stated that had specific instructions to not go past a certain point due to the invisible fence only going so far. Andrew was able to show me text messages of a conversation had with where acknowledged where to go and make the drop off. Andrew was able to give me all the information on the two dogs named Buddy and Mac who are both black and brown Beagles. Both dogs have up to date rabies vaccinations and will be quarantined at the residence of .

DOG BIT FORMS:

A City of De Pere Rabies Control Order form was filled out for both dogs and all copies have gone to their respective owner. copies were mailed out to her address.

Refer to the scanned in documents for further information on the forms.

DISPOSITION:

This case will be closed with no further police action needed.

End of Report.

REPORT COMPLETED BY:

CITY OF DE PERE

Health Department



335 South Broadway Street, De Pere, WI 54115 | 920-339-4054 | www.deperewi.gov
Chrystal Woller BSN, RN, MBA Health Officer/Director

April 24, 2025

Andrew Ropson
312 S. Webster Ave.
De Pere, WI 54115

RE: Recent Animal Bite Incident

Dear Andrew,

Your animals were recently involved in a bite incident which required the issuance of rabies control orders. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of De Pere's municipal code regarding dangerous animals and licensing and vaccination requirements. Upon review, the City does not have current licensing information on file.

The city is **not** making a determination that **Mac and Buddy** are dangerous animals, at this time. However, if future incidents occur, which meet the definition of a "dangerous animal" under the code, it is possible that **Mac and/or Buddy** could be declared a dangerous animal and ordered to be removed from the city.

Under Chapter 86-4 of the De Pere Municipal Code, an animal may be declared dangerous by any police officer or the city's health officer. Once an animal has been determined to be dangerous, the animal must be removed from the city. A "dangerous animal" is defined as:

- A. Any animal that, while off the owner's or custodian's property, has killed a person, domestic pet, or other animal with or without provocation.
- B. Any animal that, without provocation, inflicts substantial bodily harm (meaning bodily injury that causes a laceration that requires stitches, any fracture of bone, a concussion, a loss or fracture of a tooth or any temporary loss of consciousness, sight, or hearing) on a person, domestic pet, or animal on public or private property.
- C. Any animal which chases or approaches a person in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack without provocation upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public grounds or on private property without the permission of the owner or person in lawful control of the property.

Section 86-1(a): the owner of a dog more than five months of age shall be **licensed** and provide proof of a rabies vaccination annually. In addition, according to Sec. 86-5(a), "no person shall permit any animal which he/she is the owner or custodian to be at large within the city. An animal shall be deemed to be at large unless crated, penned, or securely tied or chained in such a manner that such an animal cannot proceed beyond the boundaries of the property of the owner or custodian and onto public right-of-way or other private property".

1. Submit this verification to De Pere Health Department **within 14 days**. The animal license can be completed online <https://deperewi.seamlessdocs.com/f/PetLicense>
2. Ensure that your animal is never at large. All animals must be leashed and controlled while outdoors.

Again, the De Pere municipal code is in place to ensure the safety, health, and wellbeing of all community members. It is our hope that you understand the seriousness of the situation and that you take measures to

prevent future incidents from occurring. We appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office.

I am also copying in De Pere Police Department; in the event they are made aware of any future complaints. **Submit all compliance documentation May 8th, 2025. Failure to comply with this timeline may result in further enforcement action, including but not limited to the issuance of citations. Please note that each and every day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.**

Respectfully yours,

Chrystal Woller BSN, RN, MBA
Health Officer/Director
City of De Pere Health Department

Sara Lornson BSN, RN
Deputy Health Officer
City of De Pere Health Department

CC: De Pere Police Department

CITY OF DE PERE RABIES CONTROL ORDER

Investigating Officer Name and Number: <u>J. BRENNAN 457</u>		Report No: <u>25-108172</u>
Address of Incident: <u>312 S WEBSTER</u>		Date & Time Reported: <u>8/9/25 1859</u>
		Date & Time of Incident: <u>8/9/25 1748</u>
Animal Information		
Animal Name: <u>MAC</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Ferret <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Rabies Current: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Rabies Expiration Date: <u>5/8/2026</u>	Rabies Tag #: <u>595591</u> Breed: <u>BEAGLE</u> Color: <u>BULL/BRO</u>
Dog License #: <u>5663</u>	Year of License: <u>2024</u>	Verified: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Veterinary Clinic: <u>ANIMAL HOSPITAL HOWARD</u>
Description of Injury		
Injury location and severity: <u>PUNCTURE + LACERATION TO RIGHT KNEE AREA</u>		
Please check appropriate box(es): <input type="checkbox"/> Provoked <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loose <input type="checkbox"/> Off Property <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal Behavior <input type="checkbox"/> Captured <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unprovoked <input type="checkbox"/> Contained <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal Behavior <input type="checkbox"/> Not Found <input type="checkbox"/> Euthanized		Officer comments:
Orders Issued on Animal: Quarantined At: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owner's Property <input type="checkbox"/> Isolation Facility at: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Submit for Rabies Testing		
1. Ch. 95 of WI Statutes requires that a dog, cat or ferret which has bitten, scratched, or broken human skin must be delivered to a veterinarian within 24 HOURS after receipt of this notice for examination and/or quarantine of 10 days at the expense of the owner. A TOTAL OF 3 VETERINARIAN "WELL ANIMAL CHECKS" must occur: The initial check within 24 hours of this report, a final check on the last day of the quarantine and one check on an intervening day. 2. An officer shall order the quarantine of an unvaccinated animal at an isolation facility. Currently vaccinated animals will be allowed to be quarantined at the owner's site or premise. An animal may be ordered to be put down according to WI statute 95.21(4)(b) by an officer. 3. A fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment of not more than 60 days or both may be levied if the owner fails to comply with requirements set forth in Ch.95 of WI Statute.		
RETURN THE VET SIGNATURES NO LATER THAN TWO DAYS AFTER COMPLETION TO : DEPERE HEALTH DEPARTMENT • 335 S BROADWAY STREET • DE PERE WI 54115 • 920-339-4054		
DE PERE POLICE AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARANTINE ORDERS		
Examination Log - Checks of Animal in Quarantine:		Signature of Officer: <u>J. Brennan 457</u> Report #: <u>25-108172</u>
Veterinarian Clinic: _____		Signature of Animal Owner: <u>[Signature]</u>
Veterinarian Signature: _____ Date: _____		Reminder 1. Properly Quarantine the animal. 2. Have three (3) Veterinarian checks. 3. Return a copy of the Vet signatures to the health dept.
Veterinarian Signature: _____ Date: _____		
Veterinarian Signature: _____ Date: _____		
Rabies Vaccination: _____ Date Given: _____		
If rabies testing ordered: Veterinarian/Clinic: _____ Date Submitted: _____		
Person Exposed:		
Name: _____		Home Telephone #: _____
Parent/Guardian (if minor): _____		Work Telephone #: _____
Street Address: _____		
Owner/Animal Information:		
Name: <u>ANDREW R. ROYSON</u> DOB: _____		Home Telephone #: _____
Street Address: _____		Work Telephone #: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Ferret <input type="checkbox"/> Stray <input type="checkbox"/> Wild <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Breed/Species: <u>BEAGLE</u> Name: <u>MAC</u> Color: <u>BULL/BRO</u>
Rabies Current: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Rabies Vaccination Date: <u>5/9/23</u>	Rabies Expiration Date: <u>5/8/26</u> Rabies Tag: <u>595591</u>
Dog License #: <u>5663</u>	Year of License: <u>2024</u>	Verified: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Veterinary Clinic: <u>ANIMAL HOSPITAL HOWARD</u>		



Case Number	Incident Number	Incident Type
25-108172	25-108172	ANIMAL COMPLAINT

Narrative of Events (BRENNAN, J. S.) Submitted by BRENNAN, J. S.(8/9/2025 9:39:10 PM)

INITIAL CALL

On 08/09/2025 at approximately 2015, I Officer J. Brennan 457 was dispatched an animal bite call that occurred at 312 S. Webster Ave. De Pere, Brown County WI 54115.

CONTACT WITH

I made phone contact with [redacted] shortly after I was dispatched the call due to him just leaving St. Vincent emergency room. When I spoke to [redacted] he said he was delivering food at Webster Ave. address. When he was walking up the driveway, he heard dogs barking but continued to walk towards the house. As he came around some cars in the driveway, he observed two dogs run out of the house and towards him. [redacted] said one of the dogs attempted to bite him but was unsuccessful but the other one bit him and it broke skin. He said there was a teenage girl trying to get the dogs at this time. [redacted] said the bite ripped his pants and caused injury to his right knee. [redacted] was able to send me a photograph of the injury, and it is a puncture wound and a laceration to the right knee area.

CONTACT WITH ANDREW R. ROPSON

I made contact with the owner of the dogs at approximately 2100. Andrew advised that the dog in question was named Mac. Andrew said his daughter was outside with the dogs when the delivery driver arrived. Andrew said she was telling the man to stop and just leave the food in the driveway as the dogs could not go down past 4 ft from the house. The delivery driver continued to walk towards the house which is when he was bitten. I completed and obtained a signature on the animal bite form from Andrew. He was informed of his requirements with Mac for the next 10 days. He understood and said he would get it done.

DISPOSTION

I have mailed the victims copy of the animal bite form to [redacted] I have also provided a copy of the animal bite form to the health department. The dog (Mac) is up to date with his rabies and is licensed through the City of De Pere.

At this time, this concludes my involvement in this case.

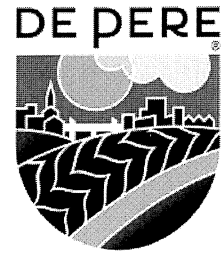
End of report.

BWC on.

08/09/2025

CITY OF DE PERE

Health Department



335 South Broadway Street, De Pere, WI 54115 | 920-339-4054 | www.deperewi.gov
Chrystal Woller BSN, RN, MBA Health Officer/Director

8-11-2025

Andrew Ropson
312 S. Webster Ave.
De Pere, WI 54115

RE: Dangerous Animal Determination

Dear Andrew,

It has come to the health department's attention that your dog, "Mac", has incurred previous documented incidents that would cause the department to issue a Dangerous Animal Order. As communicated in the letter sent to you on 4-24-2025, "Mac" has now met the definition of dangerous animal. This determination has been made based on the circumstances of the incidents listed below:

- 5-29-2024 – Dog bite incident - quarantine order issued by De Pere Police Department.
- 4-23-2025 – Dog bite incident - quarantine order issued by De Pere Police Department.
- 8-9-2025 – Dog bite incident - quarantine order issued by De Pere Police Department.

The Dangerous Animal Determination requires the animal to be removed from the City of De Pere within 72 hours after receipt of the Order. Please see the attached ordinance for reference on this order and the appeal process. The intent of the ordinance is to prevent additional incidents that may result in great bodily harm and/or death of a person or other domestic pet. Please confirm that "Mac" has been removed from the City of De Pere in writing by Friday, August 15th, 2025.

Respectfully,

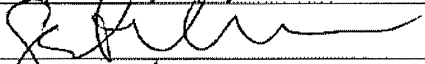
Chrystal Woller BSN, RN, MBA
Health Officer/Director
City of De Pere Health Department

cc De Pere Police Department, De Pere Legal Department

CITY OF DE PERE DETERMINATION OF A DANGEROUS ANIMAL ORDER

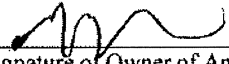
Investigating Officer Name: Officer Jirhod Brennan		Date & Time Reported: 8-9-2025 at 6:59pm	
Investigating Officer Number: 457		Report No: 25-108172	
Address of Current Incident: 312 S. Webster Ave., De Pere, WI 54115		Date & Time of Incident: 8-9-2025 at 5:48pm	
Owner/Animal Information:			
Owner's Name: Andrew Ropson		DOB: [REDACTED]	Home Telephone #: [REDACTED]
Street Address: 312 S. Webster Ave., De Pere, WI 54115		Work Telephone #:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Ferret <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		Breed/Species: Beagle	Color: Brown and black
Rabies Current: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	Rabies Vaccination Date: 5-5-2025	Rabies Expiration Date: 5-8-2026	Rabies Tag: 595591
Dog/Cat License #: 6996	Year of License: 2025		Verified: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Veterinary Clinic: Animal Hospital of Howard		Animal's Name: Mac	
Description of Incident:			
Narrative taken from the police case report -			
<p>CONTACT WITH BITE VICTIM: I made phone contact with bite victim shortly after I was dispatched the call due to him just leaving St. Vincent emergency room. When I spoke to the bite victim, he said he was delivering food at Webster Ave. address. When he was walking up the driveway, he heard dogs barking but continued to walk towards the house. As he came around some cars in the driveway, he observed two dogs run out of the house and towards him. He said one of the dogs attempted to bite him but was unsuccessful but the other one bit him and it broke skin. He said there was a teenage girl trying to get the dogs at this time. He said the bite ripped his pants and caused injury to his right knee. He was able to send me a photograph of the injury, and it is a puncture wound and a laceration to the right knee area.</p> <p>CONTACT WITH DOG OWNER: I made contact with the owner of the dogs at approximately 2100. The dog owner advised that the dog in question was named Mac. He said his daughter was outside with the dogs when the delivery driver arrived. He said she was telling the man to stop and just leave the food in the driveway as the dogs could not go down past 4 ft from the house. The delivery driver continued to walk towards the house which is when he was bitten. I completed and obtained a signature on the animal bite form from the dog owner. He was informed of his requirements with Mac for the next 10 days. He understood and said he would get it done.</p>			
Previous Incidents Date & Summary (if applicable):			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-29-2024 – Dog bite incident - quarantine order issued by De Pere Police Department. • 4-23-2025 – Dog bite incident - quarantine order issued by De Pere Police Department. • 8-9-2025 – Dog bite incident - quarantine order issued by De Pere Police Department. 			
Dangerous Animal Determination: (Please check all that apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/> An animal, while off owner's property killed a person, domestic pet, or other animal with or without provocation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An animal that without provocation, inflicts substantial bodily harm on a person, domestic pet or animal on public or private property. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An animal that chases or approaches a person in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack without provocation on public or private property. <input type="checkbox"/> An animal has been declared dangerous or vicious, banished from or ordered to be destroyed by any other city, village, town, or county. <input type="checkbox"/> A dog trained, owned, or harbored for the purpose of dog fighting.			
Order:			
Upon receipt of this order the above-listed animal shall be removed from the City of De Pere. If the animal is currently quarantined, the animal shall not return to the City of De Pere after completion of the quarantine. If the owner wishes to contest this order, he or she shall, within 72 hours after receipt of this order, file with the City Health Officer a written objection. The written objection shall include specific reasons for objecting to or contesting the order. Upon receipt of the objection a hearing will be scheduled with the Board of Health. Pending the outcome of the hearing, the animal must be securely confined in a humane manner according to the conditions listed below and detailed in City of De Pere Ordinance 86-4 (c) 3.			
Keeping of animal pending outcome of hearing at Board of Health:			

- The animal is not permitted outside of its kennel or pen unless securely restrained with a leash no longer than 4 feet in length by a person who is at least 16 years of age and competent to govern the animal and physically controlling and restraining the animal.
- The animal may not be leashed to inanimate objects such as trees, posts and buildings.
- The animal on a leash outside the kennel shall be muzzled in a humane way sufficient to prevent the animal from biting.
- No animal may be kept on a porch, patio or in any part of a house or structure on the premises that would allow the animal to exit the building on its own volition.
- No dangerous animal may be kept in a house or structure when the windows are open or when screened windows or screened doors are the only obstacle preventing the animal from exiting the structure.
- A sign must be posted with letters at least 2 inches high warning of the presence of a dangerous animal in a prominent place near all entrances and on the kennel or pen of the animal. In addition, a sign with a symbol warning children of the presence of a dangerous animal shall be prominently displayed.



 Signature of Health Officer/Director
 8/11/2025

 Date Time



 Signature of Owner of Animal
 8/11/25

 Date 3:15 pm
Time

Distribution: Law Enforcement, Health Department, Animal Owner

DPHD 10/2024

Appeal of Dangerous Animal Determination and Variance Revocation

Andrew Ropson
312 S. Webster Ave.
De Pere, WI 54115

8/11/2025

Chrystal Woller, BSN, RN, MBA
Health Officer/Director
City of De Pere Health Department
335 South Broadway Street
De Pere, WI 54115

RE: Appeal of Dangerous Animal Determination - Dog "Mac" (Order dated August 11, 2025) AND Appeal of Variance Revocation (Notice dated August 11, 2025)

Dear Ms. Woller,

I am writing to formally appeal both: (1) the Dangerous Animal Determination issued on August 11, 2025, regarding my dog Mac, and (2) the revocation of my animal variance originally granted on 7/15/2025 pursuant to Chapter 86-3 of the De Pere Municipal Code. I respectfully request that the Board of Health reconsider both determinations based on the following clarifications and circumstances.

PART I: APPEAL OF DANGEROUS ANIMAL DETERMINATION

Incident 1: May 29, 2024 - Accidental Bite During Dog Fight Intervention

This incident did not involve an attack on a person. Mac was engaged in a fight with another dog in our household. At that time, our family was not properly educated on how to safely separate fighting dogs. Family members attempted to physically pull the dogs apart, which caused both dogs to instinctively bite down harder, as they would on a chew toy. The injury to the dogs ear resulted from the pulling motion during this intervention, not from an unprovoked attack. Had we left the dogs alone or used proper separation techniques, no human injury would have occurred. Since this incident, we have educated ourselves on proper dog handling techniques.

Incident 2: April 23, 2025 - Delivery Driver Failed to Follow Instructions

The delivery driver was given explicit instructions to leave groceries by the mailbox at the end of our driveway. These instructions were provided for safety reasons, as we have

warning signage posted about dogs on the property. The driver disregarded these instructions and entered the property boundaries, surprising the dogs. At the time, my children were home alone without adult supervision. The driver was wearing dark clothing and a hat, which may have appeared threatening to the dogs who were protecting the property and the children. This incident could have been entirely avoided had the delivery driver followed the clear instructions provided.

Incident 3: August 9, 2025 - Driver Ignored Multiple Warnings

In this most recent incident, the driver was warned multiple times by my 16-year-old daughter not to approach the property due to the presence of our dogs. Despite these repeated warnings from a minor trying to prevent an incident, the driver chose to approach anyway. The driver's decision to ignore clear verbal warnings and approach a visibly agitated, barking dog demonstrates poor judgment on his part. My daughter acted responsibly by trying to prevent the situation, but the adult driver failed to heed her warnings.

Request for Reconsideration of Dangerous Animal Determination

These three incidents share common factors that distinguish them from unprovoked attacks:

- Each situation involved human error or failure to follow safety protocols
- Mac has never attacked without provocation
- In each case, proper precautions or adherence to warnings would have prevented the incident

Mac is not an inherently dangerous animal. He is a protective family dog who has reacted to specific circumstances involving human mistakes or non-compliance with safety measures. He lives with a 2 year old and a 5 year old and interacts with another 5 year old on a daily basis. They all play together and he has never responded in any kind of aggressive manor to a child.

PART II: APPEAL OF VARIANCE REVOCATION

I was granted a variance on 7/15/2025 to keep three dogs at my residence, which exceeds the standard limit of two dogs per dwelling unit. The revocation notice dated 8/11/2025 cites the bite incident on 8/9/2025 as grounds for revocation.

I respectfully submit that revoking this variance based on a single incident - where the driver ignored multiple warnings from my daughter - is disproportionate to the

circumstances. The variance was granted after careful consideration by the Health Department, and I have otherwise complied with all conditions.

Grounds for Maintaining the Variance:

1. The August 9 incident was an isolated event caused by a third party's failure to heed warnings, not a pattern of non-compliance with variance conditions
2. My three dogs have coexisted peacefully with my family and neighbors when proper protocols are followed
3. Forced removal or rehoming of a family pet would cause significant emotional distress to my children, particularly the 2 and 5 year olds who have grown up with these dogs
4. I am willing to accept additional conditions on the variance to ensure community safety

COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY MEASURES

Since these incidents, we have:

- Educated all family members on proper dog handling and separation techniques
- Reinforced signage and delivery instructions
- Implemented additional safety protocols for when service providers visit our property
 - UPS, FedEx, Amazon, and USPS all know to drop at the mailbox and if the package requires a signature to change the order and we will pickup at a distribution center.

We will implement:

- More and larger detailed signs for deliveries
- Enroll Mac in training courses to improve his behavior with surprise interactions with adults
- Confine the dogs to the back yard when deliveries are expected
- Install additional fencing or barriers if required
- Submit to periodic inspections if required

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

I respectfully request that the Board of Health:

1. Reconsider the dangerous animal determination in light of these clarifications
2. Reinstate my variance to maintain three dogs with additional conditions as the Board deems appropriate
3. Consider alternative measures such as additional training or containment requirements rather than removal or forced rehoming
4. Recognize that Mac and my other dogs pose no threat when proper protocols are followed

I am committed to ensuring the safety of our community while keeping my family dogs. I am willing to comply with all reasonable conditions to maintain both the variance and Mac's status as a non-dangerous animal.

Thank you for your consideration of this appeal. I am available to discuss this matter further or provide additional information as needed. I request a hearing before the Board of Health as provided in the ordinance to address both matters.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ropson



Request for Board of Health Action

MEETING DATE: September 29, 2025
DEPARTMENT: Health
FROM:
SUBJECT: Hearing on the City of De Pere Determination to Revoke Animal Variance- 312 S. Webster St. issued by De Pere Health Director, Chrystal Woller on 08/11/2025. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(a), the Board may convene in closed session for the purpose of deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body. The Board may then reconvene in open session to take action on any matter discussed in closed session or for such other purposes as are allowed by law.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: staff revoked animal variance on 8/11/2025. Recommend upholding this revocation.

ATTACHMENTS:
variance appeal for 9.29.25 meeting, Animal Variance Letter -Ropson, Health Dept. Variance Revocation_Ropson



Case Number	Incident Number	Incident Type
25-104132	25-104132	ANIMAL COMPLAINT

Narrative of Events (LEITERMAN, C. C.) Submitted by LEITERMAN, C. C.(6/5/2025 10:57:48 AM)

On Wednesday, June 4, 2025, I, Officer Charles Leiterman, received an email from Capt. Nate Mrstik requesting that I issue a citation for not licensing a dog or cat. In the email chain that I read from Capt. Mrstik included the De Pere Health Department. The requester was Assistant Health Officer Sara Lornson who stated that she sent a follow-up letter which I have attached to the report stating to Andrew Ropson that he needed a variance in the number of animals in his house, and they needed to be licensed. According to Lornson this had not been done as of 6/4/2025.

I completed a citation for unlicensed dogs or cats and mailed the citation to Ropson's address.

At this time this is all the information that I have regarding this matter.



Case Number	Incident Number	Incident Type
25-104132	25-104132	ANIMAL COMPLAINT

Narrative of Events (LEITERMAN, C. C.) Submitted by LEITERMAN, C. C.(6/17/2025 12:58:23 PM)

On Monday, June 16, 2025, at approximately 10 am I, Officer Charlie Leiterman received an email from Capt. Nate Mrstik requesting that I follow up and issue for 2nd offense of dog not being licensed. The request came from Sara Lornson, City of De Pere Deputy Health Director. Lornson made the request after the previous citation was issued, and a warning letter was issued again and there was no compliance. I completed the citation and mailed the citation to the defendant.

Ast this time this is all the information that I have regarding this matter.



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CITY OF DE PERE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Chrystal Woller, BSN, RN, MBA
Health Director/Health Officer

Email: deperhealth@deperewi.gov

07/15/2025

Andrew Ropson
312 S. Webster Ave.
De Pere, WI 54115

RE: Variance for number of animals to be kept at 312 S. Webster Ave.

Dear Andrew,

On 06/30/2025, the City of De Pere received your request for a variance to keep three dogs at the above address. After review with the De Pere Police Department, a variance will be granted for three dogs. This variance is conditional and may be revoked if additional Police calls are received regarding dogs at your property. This variance applies only to the three dogs listed on your application. This includes the following dogs: Grizzly - a 12-year-old neutered male Beagle, Mac – a 3-year-old neutered male Beagle, and Buddy – a 4-year old neutered male Beagle. This letter will serve as documentation of your variance.

The following conditions are required to maintain the variance for the three dogs:

- All three dogs shall be licensed with the City of De Pere Clerk’s Office this year and in subsequent years.
- Upon the death or removal of any one dog you will be required to notify the Health Department and abide by the City of De Pere Municipal Ordinance Sec 86-3(a), which allows for no more than two (2) dogs per dwelling unit.
- Compliance shall be maintained with all other sections of City of De Pere Municipal Code Chapter 86 in regard to the keeping and care of your animals.

Please to refer to the city of De Pere web site at www.deperewi.gov for a complete copy of City of De Pere Municipal Ordinance 86. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Health Department.

Sincerely,

Chrystal Woller, BSN, RN, MBA Health Officer/Director

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Chrystal Woller BSN, RN, MBA Health Officer/Director

8/11/2025

Andrew Ropson
312 S. Webster Ave.
De Pere, WI 54115

RE: Revocation of a previously issued animal variance

Dear Mr. Andrew Ropson,

This letter serves as formal **notice of revocation** of the animal variance issued to you on **7/15/2025**, pursuant to **Chapter 86-3 of the De Pere Municipal Code**, which permits an exception to the standard maximum of two dogs and three cats (or total of four pets per dwelling unit).

Grounds for Revocation

After reviewing the circumstances and applicable code provisions, the De Pere Health Officer finds that continued allowance of the variance is no longer appropriate due to non-compliance with De Pere Municipal Code Chapter 86 after a bite incident associated with your animals residing at 312 S. Webster Ave on August 9thm 2025. This is the third documented incident related to your dogs kept at that property.

As noted in the code, and in previous correspondence dated 7/15/2025, the Health Officer may revoke such variance upon conditions changing or violations occurring [Municode LibraryCity of De Pere, Wisconsin](#).

Effective Date of Revocation

Accordingly, **this variance is hereby revoked effective 8/25/2025**. After this effective date, the total number of dogs and/or cats at your dwelling must conform strictly to the **Chapter 86-3 limits**. Please **provide proof** of rehoming, relocation, or other steps taken.

The decision to revoke a previously granted variance may be appealed to the board of health if a written notice of appeal is received within 14 days of receipt of this revocation notice. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in resolving this matter promptly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Crystal Woller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Crystal" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Woller".

Chrystal Woller, BSN, RN, MBA Health Officer/Director

Cc: De Pere Police Department, De Pere Legal Department