

Special Meeting
Selectboard Minutes
7/6/2021

Members Present by Zoom: June Heston

Members In-Person: Christine Werneke, David Sander, Bard Hill,

Absent: Cody Quattrocci

Others Present In- Person: Josh Arneson, Town Manager; Kyle Kapitansky, Police Chief; Andy Squires, Animal Control Officer; Janet Gill, Holly Ott and the meeting was recorded by MMCTV;

Others Present by Zoom: Kathy Daub-Stearns, Admin.; Adam Wood (Richmond Health Officer), Lisa Miller, Andrew Powers,

Meeting began at 5:05 PM.

Welcome by Christine with information on the procedures for how the Public Hearing would be held, what the role of the Selectboard was, and what the board needed to determine.

Christine then read the warning:

I. Vicious Dog / Public Nuisance Complaint. Dog owned by Janet Gill

The Selectboard of the Town of Richmond, Vermont, will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 3546 on July 6, 2021, at 5pm in the Town Center in Richmond, Vermont to hear evidence and receive testimony on a complaint of a "vicious dog" concerning a dog named Oakley owned by Janet Gill presently residing at 838 Snipe Ireland Rd in Richmond, Vermont.

As required, Christine then read the Victims Complaint as written and submitted by Amy Powers beginning with the section entitled: "Other facts that may help the Selectboard in it's investigation". The statement is attached to this record (C).

Christine let everyone know what the order of procedures would be stating that the hearing was mandated by 20VSA3546, that the hearing was "public" but not of the public so no comment would be taken from the public unless it was relevant to the complaint and all people testifying would be sworn in before making any statements. Once all testimony was taken the hearing would be closed for the board to deliberate either publicly or privately depending on their decision, after the deliberative session a written decision would be issued.

Christine then stated that there were materials submitted and acknowledged the receipt of Oakley's assessment. Exhibit (A) attached.

Christine swore Andy Squires in:

Andy Squires identified himself as the "Animal Control Officer" for the Town of Richmond and summarized his report. The statement is attached to this record (B).

Discussion included:

- that David asked if the dog had been leashed since the incident; Andy Squires said that he was told the dog had been, adding that he observed that there that were already tie out cables and the dog could be latched to the cable inside the house before being let out. Christine asked Police Chief Kyle Kapitansky if he had any additional information to provide, he responded that he did not. The board had no questions for Chief Kapitansky.

Christine asked Andrew Powers if he wanted to provide any information, he did. Christine swore Andrew Powers in:

Andrew Powers provided his name, that he was Amy Powers husband, and the neighbor of Janet Gill, he then stated:

- that they did not intend for this public process to take place, that Amy Powers and Janet Gill had been in constant communication about what happened, that they have a good relationship and that this all felt pretty traumatic with the details becoming public record. He said he wanted to make it clear that they were here, not there because they could not work it out themselves, but because of the process. He felt they were all participating under duress because he felt they had been handling it appropriately but understood the need for the process.

- that the testimony given was not inaccurate but recognizing that statements were given quickly he wanted to make a few things clear: that Amy did not feel she had surprised Oakley since she had been there a few minutes before Oakley attacked and where Amy Powers had said that Janet Gill had not been in control of Oakley, that was a blanket statement, that Janet Gill did have Oakley under control most of the time, but that there were times that Oakley was not, and that was known because they could hear Janet calling for him. He said he was trying to clarify some small points because those testimonies were made quickly not realizing they were going to be read in public.

Questions from the Selectboard to Andrew Powers included:

- that Bard asked if Andrew Powers had been present when the attack took place. He replied he was not, and had seen Amy Powers only when she returned to the house.
- that Christine responded to Andrew Powers statement about the formality of the hearing saying that most of what was happening was required by statute and not intended to make anyone feel uncomfortable adding that she appreciated how patient and gracious everyone had been. Andrew Powers responded that he wished someone had let them know how this type of thing was handled from the beginning.

Christine asked Janet Gill if she wanted to make a statement, she did. Christine swore Janet Gill in.

Janet Gill then provided her name stating she was the owner of Oakley and neighbors of the Powers, she then stated:

- that Oakley was a rescue who had been with her for about a year and a half, is part hound and a member of her family
- that there have been times that he has gotten loose
- that she described the events prior to the event through the attack
- that he is a rescue and has been in training for a while
- that she agreed that this was a horrible experience and Oakley would not be staying and was looking at what options were available for him. VT Dog Rescue suggested a trainer

that could work with Oakley, she just ran out of time. She said she was taking this very seriously and knew what needed to be done, it was just sad.

Discussion included:

- that there were documents entered into the record
- that Bard asked Janet Gill about a training group Oakley had attended, she said Oakley had needed to be changed from his initial group because of a problem with another dog
- that Bard asked Janet Gill if there was any aggression noted in the adoption records, she said there was not anything about aggression. She described an event in Essex where he was attacked at the dog park
- that Bard asked Janet Gill what she thought should happen, she said as Tom (Thin Blue Line K-9) suggested in his report, Oakley has a lot going for him. She would like to put up a fence for him to roam around. VT Dog rescue said they work on a foster basis, and they may not be the best solution. The Humane Society said they would evaluate him for aggressiveness. Tom (Thin Blue Line K-9) thought the dog was not aggressive but had been triggered by something. Bard thought Janet's intent was to rehome him and Janet said she would like to have him, that he would not be at the property all the time because she had property in NH where she spends time in the summer. She said that the Humane Society suggested he be muzzle trained so she wondered how Amy would feel about that.

Christine reminded everyone that the Selectboard needed to determine: was the pet bite without provocation, then order what happened with the dog and that specificity would be determined in a deliberative session. In regard to the question- is 30 days enough, that was not something that could be determined at the moment.

Christine noted that she appreciated that Janet Gill had been responsible and responsive to the situation. She then asked Janet Gill how old Oakley was, she responded that he was 2.

Christine then asked Andy Squires if he had met the dog, he had not.

Police Chief, Kyle Kapitansky read from the town ordinance and clarified that Andy Squires had conducted the investigation at his direction following the ordinance requirement that a police investigation be done.

Bard asked Andrew Powers what he would like to have happen, he said he was happy with Janet Gill's decision to have Oakley live somewhere else saying his wife had been savagely bitten on every limb and was fearful of the dog being around, so it was the only solution they are comfortable with. He said it was unfortunate, but it would be best for Oakley to be somewhere else. We have no idea why the attack happened, it was inexplicably unprovoked, and he should be somewhere else.

Being no final questions,

David moved close the hearing and move to deliberation; Bard seconded. Roll call vote: June, Bard, David, Cody, and Christine voted affirmatively. Motion passed.

Discussion included:

- that it was decided to have a public deliberative session

Christine stated that with the hearing closed deliberations would begin to determine if the dog was found to have bitten the victim without provocation and to make an order for the protection of persons as the facts and circumstances are determined.

Deliberations began:

- David expressed his sympathies to everyone saying that as a dog lover this is a dog owners worst nightmare. He said that because all the parties seem to be in agreement that the dog should be removed from the property the board's decision would be easier. He said that it appears clear that the dog attack was unprovoked. Christine said first wanted to be in agreement that the dog bite without provocation acknowledging that we cannot know what Oakley was thinking, although she felt there was no intentional provocation from Amy Powers. Bard said there was no identifiable provocation. June agreed.

The Board moved on to the order of protection of persons:

Christine noted that as the Thin Blue Line K-9 report mentioned, exercise is important, leashing is important, coupled with finding a place where the dog can be matched to it's needs is a good plan.

June said Janet Gills agreeing to rehome the dog is appreciated and rehoming the dog to someone who knows the situation would be the best thing. Bard asked about having a date certain and what happens until that date.

Christine proposed that the dog always be leashed or in a different setting. Bard asked Janet Gill, if you have property elsewhere could you spend time with Oakley there or with a friend and not at the residence in Richmond. Janet Gill said she would like to have him home sometimes. Andrew Powers was asked if it would be ok during the transition period if Oakley could be leashed or in the home. He responded, ideally no, saying he understood the pain of parting with Oakley but had safety concerns. He thought they could be flexible if they knew when Oakley would be at the Richmond property that would help but without knowing the specifics of the plan if there was good communication it could work. June suggested that the trainer suggested muzzling, if he were allowed to be home, leashed and muzzled, if by chance he were to get loose he would not be able to bite. Janet Gill agreed that would be ok with her.

Christine suggested 30 days from the hearing date, Janet Gill said that the Humane Society has taken dogs that have bitten and have training to work with those dogs.

Christine said the plan would be to rehome dog within 30 calendar days. Ideally dog would be kept off the Snipe Ireland property, if there Janet Gill would communicate with the Powers 24 hours in advance, and the dog would be muzzled (as described by June- plastic basket over snout) and leashed when outside. August 5, 2021 would be the last day Oakley would be on the Snipe Ireland property.

Andrew Powers will call Andy Squires if there are any issues.

Josh asked if the dog could be rehomed in Richmond or was the intention that he be outside Richmond? Christine wondered if we had any way to specify where the dog would go. Josh thought that we could say as a public concern we did not want the dog in Richmond. June said it could be added that if there was a second attack the dog would be euthanized if the attack was in Richmond. Cody was opposed to that. Bard said if there was a vicious unprovoked attack there would be another meeting so it could be addressed at that hearing.

The plan will be drafted and communicated to the board, then mailed to Andrew and Amy Powers and Janet Gill with a copy kept on file.

Christine asked for those in favor of closing deliberative session; Roll Call Vote: June, Cody, David, Bard and Christine voted affirmatively.

Christine thanked everyone involved for the clear communication and wished them the best.

The meeting ended 6:04PM

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OAKLEY ASSESSMENT

Owner – Janet Gill

Assessment #1 Date: July 2, 2021

Assessment #1 Location: Thin Blue Line K-9, 126 Yantz Hill Rd., Williston, VT.

On the above date and time, I had Janet Gill and her dog Oakley come to my training facility from 1200 to 1300 hours for an assessment due to a bite that had recently occurred.

I have been associated with the VT Police K-9 Program for over 22 years as a handler, instructor and member of the VT Criminal Justice Training Council K-9 Committee (I was Chairman of this committee for over 9 years also) which oversees the entire police dog program in VT. I am the head dog trainer and co-owner of Thin Blue Line K-9, a dog training company that trains, assesses and gameplans for any dog issue, for any breed and size, and for any problem from minor all the way up to major aggression issues. We specialize in handling aggressive dogs and have the experience, knowledge and equipment to deal with even the most aggressive dogs.

One of my responsibilities on the VCJTC K-9 Committee is to review all police dog bites. Over my 17 years on this committee, I have reviewed approximately 70 plus bite incidents and assisted in developing a game plan for success.

I observed Oakley on this date at my training facility come close to 3 other client dogs and their owners as they were coming and going, and also employees Clay, Nancy and my wife and co-owner Dori along with myself. The training center can be a very busy place and, on this date, we were in the middle of transitioning dogs in and out so the stress level was elevated. I observed Oakley the entire time and did not see any signs of aggression during this busy transition or during the entire hour that he was here.

My employees and I do not put any pressure or stress on a dog when we first meet them, so we ignored Oakley with the hopes that he would come up to us when he was ready, sniff us and accept us. This is exactly what he did to us and at no time did he have his hackles up, growl, lunge or do anything else that could be perceived as nervous or aggressive behavior.

I ascertained from Janet what had happened as far as the bite incident on Monday, June 28, 2021. Her account was that Oakley and she were down by the neighbor's brook, and the neighbor had come down abruptly. Janet believed that this startled Oakley as it did her. She advised me that the neighbor is uncomfortable around dogs and that she had made complaints to Janet about Oakley being loose, so Janet did not think that the neighbor liked Oakley.

She said Oakley started barking at the neighbor after being startled, and that she was talking to the neighbor and not watching Oakley for a few minutes and that Oakley then unexpectedly attacked the neighbor. Janet was sitting in a chair at the brook at the time, watching her grandson in the water, and during the attack fell out of her chair onto Oakley to hold him down while the neighbor, who was bitten in numerous locations including her arms and thighs, got away and then washed her injuries in the brook and went up to her house.

My goal in getting Janet's version of what happened was to see if there was a trigger to Oakley's attack. I deal with dog behavior every

day and was looking for an explanation of why this would happen. I look at the incident through the dog's eyes and do not assess blame or responsibility but only look at the facts to determine if there was something that the dog perceived as a reason for the response\attack in this incident.

In this specific case, it is my professional opinion that Oakley was startled at first, which put him on edge and stressed him out. Dogs will have one of four responses to stress: Fight, flight, submissiveness or they will freeze. Many dogs, when startled, will go directly to fight. I often compare dogs to people in my trainings, and humans have similar responses to stress. A very common bite scenario is a child waking up a sleeping dog, startling them, and then the dog coming out of that sleep will be startled and bite the child. Oakley in this incident was startled, according to Janet, so he automatically went into a response to that stress and started barking.

Janet advised that she did not see, because Oakley was in a position behind her while he was barking, what happened seconds before the bite, but the fact that the neighbor did not like Oakley and does not like dogs in general may be another factor. Dogs pick up and react to the energy that the human puts off, and it is my opinion (I see it every day in my business) that when a dog meets a human who does not like them or is nervous around them, they sense it immediately and often will bark at that person. It is a communication, often, from the dog to the human, asking "Hey, why don't you like me?".

In this incident, Janet had told me that when the neighbor first came to the brook, she had her hand down and Oakley tried to sniff her hand, and the neighbor "recoiled" her hand back because she did not want Oakley sniffing it. This was a furtive movement and most dogs do not like unpredictable, quick movements. This is why many dogs paired with small children is a problem because the child often is high energy and very unpredictable with their actions. In this case Oakley would have been already on edge due to being startled with her presence,

senses that the neighbor does not like him and then a quick furtive movement in response to an attempt to sniff may have put him on high alert that something was not right. None of this gives Oakley the right to do what he ended up doing but helps to explain what was going on in his mind. There are many dogs that are put in similar situations and run away, freeze or become submissive, but there are also many that will go to their fight response also.

What is unknown from this assessment is whether there was a final trigger between the barking and the actual attack. It is common for there to be something else that forces the dog to go from an alert (bark) to a full attack and this at the current moment is unknown.

When Oakley came to me at the training center, he was given space and we did not put him in a high stress situation so he was friendly, wagging his tail, letting us play ball with him and at one point gave my wife Dori “kisses” on her hand. I was assessing if there was a possible medical/neurological issue and he was a “loose cannon” and would attack under any circumstance, or if this bite incident may be an “isolated incident” in which if certain guidelines are enacted in the future, and he is not put in a similar situation ever again, can he behave as he did in the training center.

I train a lot of rescue dogs (and have 5 of them personally) and believe that these dogs deserve to be set up for success in their lives and that long and happy existences can occur. It is my opinion that Oakley is not an out of control, aggressive dog, but that he reacted to a specific isolated situation.

My final assessment on this day was that this was a very unfortunate incident, and that the neighbor unknowingly and unfortunately put stress on Oakley to the point that he went into fight mode and reacted in a manner that in the human world is considered inappropriate (in the animal world it may have been an appropriate response). The injuries to the neighbor were severe and it is an incident that can't be repeated. I

have empathy for the neighbor and this was a situation that should not have occurred, but I am optimistic that there a solution that can prevent Oakley from being euthanized.

Assessment #2 Date: July 3, 2021

Assessment #2 Location: Residence of Janet Gill, 838 Snipe Ireland Rd., Richmond, VT.

On this date at approximately 1500 hours, I visited Janet at her residence. Oakley was inside upon my arrival and I met her outside. I made entry into her house behind her. I did not put any pressure on this initial entry into his home, and ignored him until he came up, sniffed me and accepted me. This was an excellent and ideal response. Once he accepted me, he went to get a toy and then for an extended amount of time, while I spoke to Janet and checked out the living situation, Oakley would bring me his toy and I would throw it inside and he would retrieve it and bring it back. There are many dogs that I assess that won't be accepting of new people coming into their home so I was very happy with how Oakley had reacted to my presence.

There was not much room inside to exercise Oakley, except a path into the kitchen and another one in the living room where a toy could be thrown but it was not ideal to really burn off excess energy. There was a lot of items stacked throughout the house so space was limited.

I then went outside and took a closer look at the setting. I observed the house to be on a hill, with a very steep decline on the back side. I told her that I did not like this decline. She said that he has gone down this steep embankment before but not gotten hurt. At the bottom of this

decline was the roadway coming up to the house and she advised neighbors will walk on that roadway with their dogs.

The house was surrounded by woods, and was a very rural setting. There was a long staircase going up to the front deck and door. The largest area of lawn was on the front side and consisted of a small stretch of grass. We discussed how it would be possible to put a dog run up (a cable that goes about 7 feet in the air and another cable attaches from the dog to the cable above so the dog can be controlled but still have an outside area to move). I observed several cables that were tied to the stairs, deck and on the back side area that she said is his place to go out to the bathroom. This back of the house bathroom area was small.

I asked Janet if she ever exercised Oakley and she said that sometimes she'll throw a ball outside for him to retrieve. She said sometimes she will throw down the driveway or the roadway and this area goes down towards the house owned by the neighbor involved in this incident.

The one area on the front lawn that has some space would be ideal for the previously mentioned dog run. The run, if put up, would best work if attached to the basement door area and go straight to a cherry tree that is about 50 feet away. This option would give Oakley some space to move and also would be a good way to keep Oakley under control at all times. I told Janet that it is imperative that she always have control for the rest of the dog's life.

My final assessment of the home visit was that Oakley, when not put under stress, is a very playful, loving dog. It was obvious to me that Janet really loves Oakley and is doing her best to give him a good environment. I told Janet, however, that I believed the best-case situation for a dog like Oakley is that he be in an environment where he can get a lot of exercise. This may include being in a controlled setting and that a large fenced in yard (Janet's property is not ideal to put up a

fence) and an owner who can take him for daily walks\runs would be ideal for the lifelong success of Oakley.

Based on Oakley not exhibiting any signs of aggression after being around numerous people or dogs and having a new person come into his home and not having any issues, I believe that he should not be euthanized. For optimal success I would recommend he be placed in a setting and home that is able to guarantee he not be put in another situation like this incident and that he has a home environment where exercise is a priority and control is the only option.

ANDY SQUIRES
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I received a notice of a dog bite from Richmond Family Medicine on 6/28/21 at 1550. Report of multiple bites on both legs and the left arm. Victim identified as Amy Powers of 836 Snipe Ireland Rd, Richmond, VT. Richmond Family Medicine was sending Powers to UVMMC for further treatment as the injuries were more extensive than RFM could treat. The dog was identified as "Oakley" belonging to Janet Gill of 838 Snipe Ireland Rd, Richmond.

I checked the dog registration list and found "Oakley" is registered for 2021, a mixed breed, male, black/brown/white with rabies vaccination expiring 11/15/23. Reg. Tag 181. He was also registered in 2020 with tag # 174

At 2017 that evening I left a voicemail on Powers cell phone to call me.

0922 on 6/29/21 I received a call from Amy Powers. She described being on her property talking with neighbor Janet Gill with "Oakley" present. They were near the property line along a stream on Powers side of the line. "Oakley" made a sudden attack on Powers lunging and changing from limb to limb. Bites were on the front of both legslocation on legs..... and her left arm on the inferior forearm. Gill made constant loud commands to try to get the dog off and then pulled the dog off from Powers.

At 1400, 6/29/21, I discussed this case with Adam Wood, Town Health Officer. We agreed that the situation made a 10 day confinement for rabies observation a necessity. Confinement at home is acceptable. The dog must not be allowed outdoors without a leash. It must not roam even on his own property.

At 1415, 6/29/21 I discussed the case with Chief Kapitansky. We reviewed the town ordinance and the relevant state statutes.

At 1630, 6/29/21 I met with Amy Powers at her home to take a Vicious Dog Complaint and fill out the Health Officer's Animal Bite Report form. Powers stated that she was on her property near the brook, a location where Gill has been welcome to swim for the 20 years the Powers have lived there. They were talking pleasantly when "Oakley" started a vicious attack on her legs and arms. Gill and her grandson (about 10 yo) tried to get control of the dog but he became more aggressive. They first tried verbal control then pulled him off. Powers was bleeding and got into the stream while Gill lay on top of the dog so Powers could go to the house. Powers went to Richmond Family Medicine where they referred her to UVMMC for more extensive treatment than RFM could provide. She needed stitches in both legs near the knees and the left forearm. They also X-rayed the left arm to ascertain whether or not there was any bone injury. There was not. But there may be some tendon injury. She does not have the use of her left arm distal to (below) the injury.

“Oakley” has been aggressive in the past. He would growl and charge people in the driveway. He has nipped at her son’s heels while he was biking in the driveway. This is the first time he has made contact with anyone. Gill and Powers share about 100’ of driveway before the drives separate to the different houses.

There is a “Forest School Camp” next week June 5-9 where 25 kids age 4-15 will be on Powers property all day every day. The kids come once a week at other times. Powers fears for the safety of these children if “Oakley” is loose. The dog does not come to Powers house but the camp kids are in the woods all around Powers land.

Injuries as I observed were:

- Right leg, lateral aspect slightly superior to the knee, stitches
- Left leg, lateral aspect at the knee, stitches
- Left forearm, medial aspect. Described as being the deepest of the injuries, X-ray showed no bone damage but suspected tendon damage. No MRI confirmation. Stitches.
- 1/8” laceration on first knuckle of right hand
- In total, 4 puncture wounds required stitches
- Described bruise near the left hip
- photos provided by Powers

After visiting Powers I went to Gill’s house. She was not home. I observed two anchored dog cables on the stairs to the house. These would seem to provide adequate ability to hitch the dog securely.

At 2032 6/29/21 Gill returned my phone call. She described the encounter as follows. We (Gill and grandson with dog) were at the stream. Grandson and dog were playing in the water. Amy came up next to us, surprised her and the dog. They started talking about some mulch. The dog went over to sniff Powers, she recoiled and he reacted, lunged at her. Amy had torn shorts but Gill wasn’t sure if it was bites or scratches.

She describes “Oakley” as a rescue dog that has had many issues and was to have started specialized training soon. She also said she would talk to the rescue organization from whom she got the dog to discuss them taking him back.

I told Gill that due to “Oakley” having bit a person off premises that required medical attention we require a 10 day quarantine, meaning that the dog must not be off leash or off premises for the 10 day period. Also that we had a vicious dog complaint that required a hearing by the Selectboard. We would be back in touch as that process progresses.

0930, 6/30/21 I had a text exchange with Powers where she asked for an update. I related the conversation with Gill. She said that “the dog being hitched is not even remotely sufficient. That is how the dog is normally but he gets away and then she is screaming for him. She has no control of him”

I emailed Gill the following at 1329 6/30/21:

Hello Janet Gill,

Last night you and I discussed the dog bite and Oakley. I wanted to reiterate for clarity that we must have Oakley in quarantine for 10 days, 6/29 through and including 7/8/21. Quarantine means he cannot be loose outdoors at any time. When he goes outside he

must be on leash at all times. I did see good anchored cable leashes on you stairs. I do not know whether or not those reach the door. If not, he must be leashed from the door to the cable.

I do not say this to be threatening, only for clarity so we avoid any misunderstanding. If he gets away and breaks quarantine I will have little choice but to impound him. I prefer to keep him at home.

Thank you,

Andy Squires

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Janet Gill

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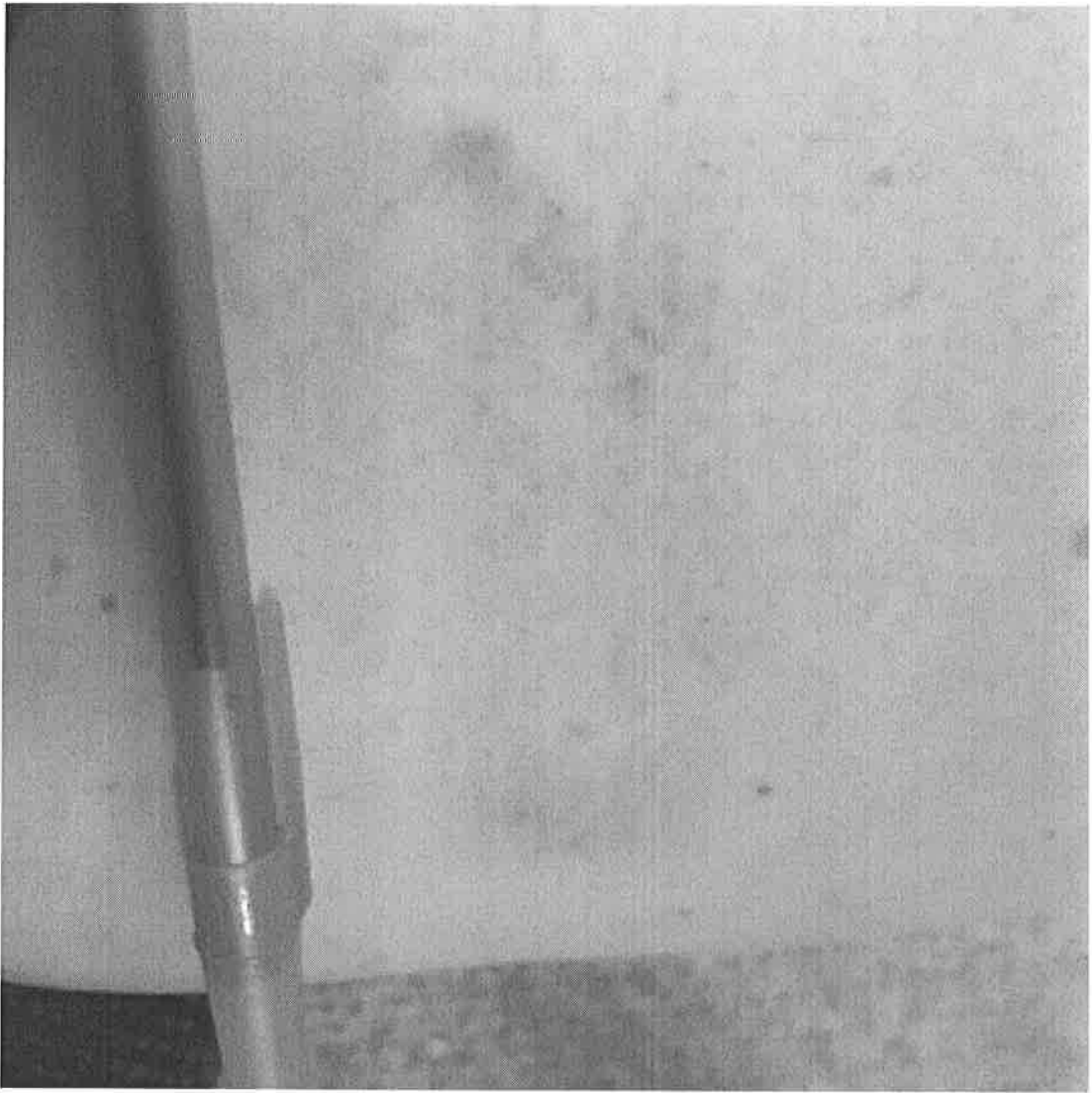
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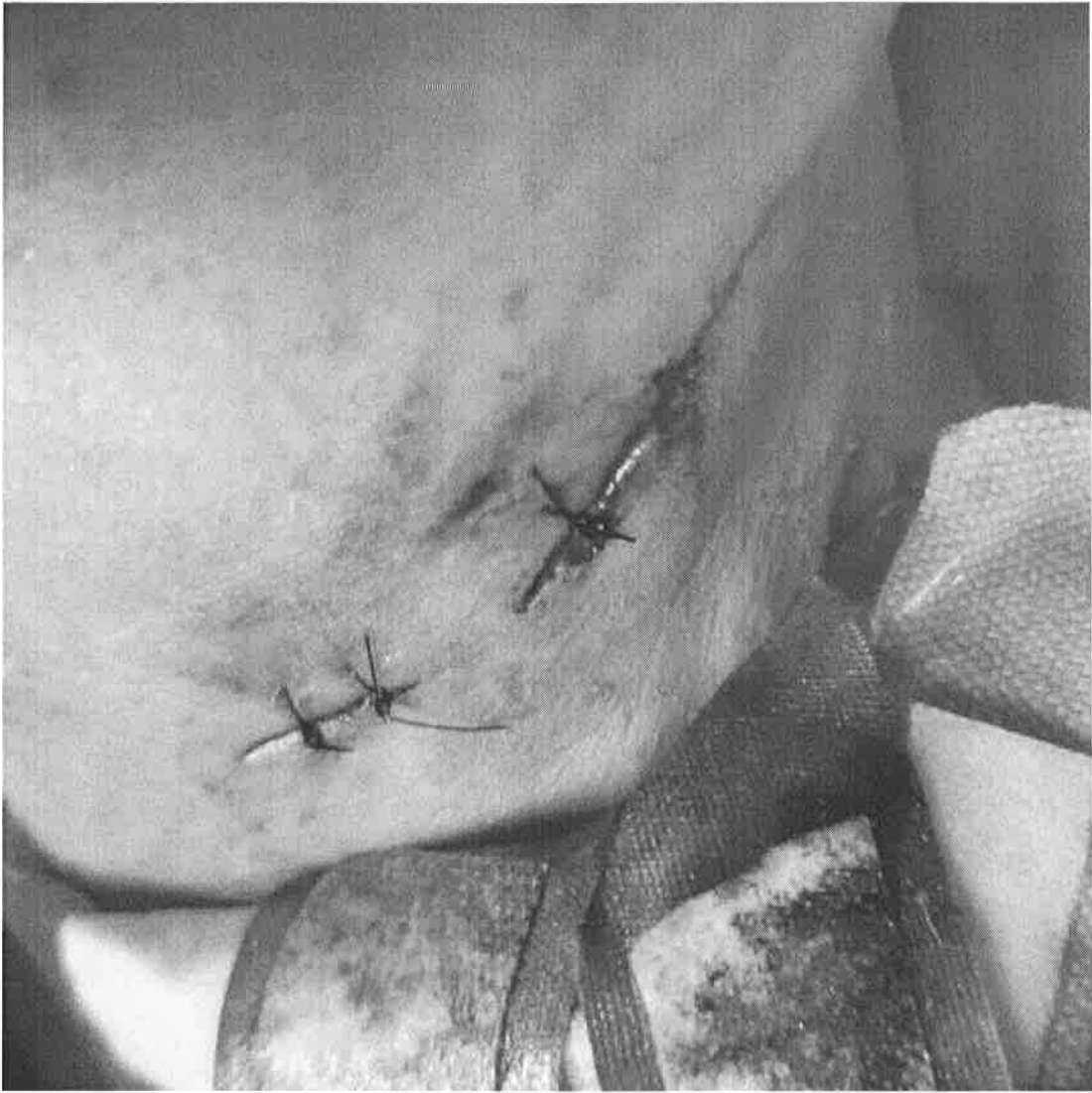
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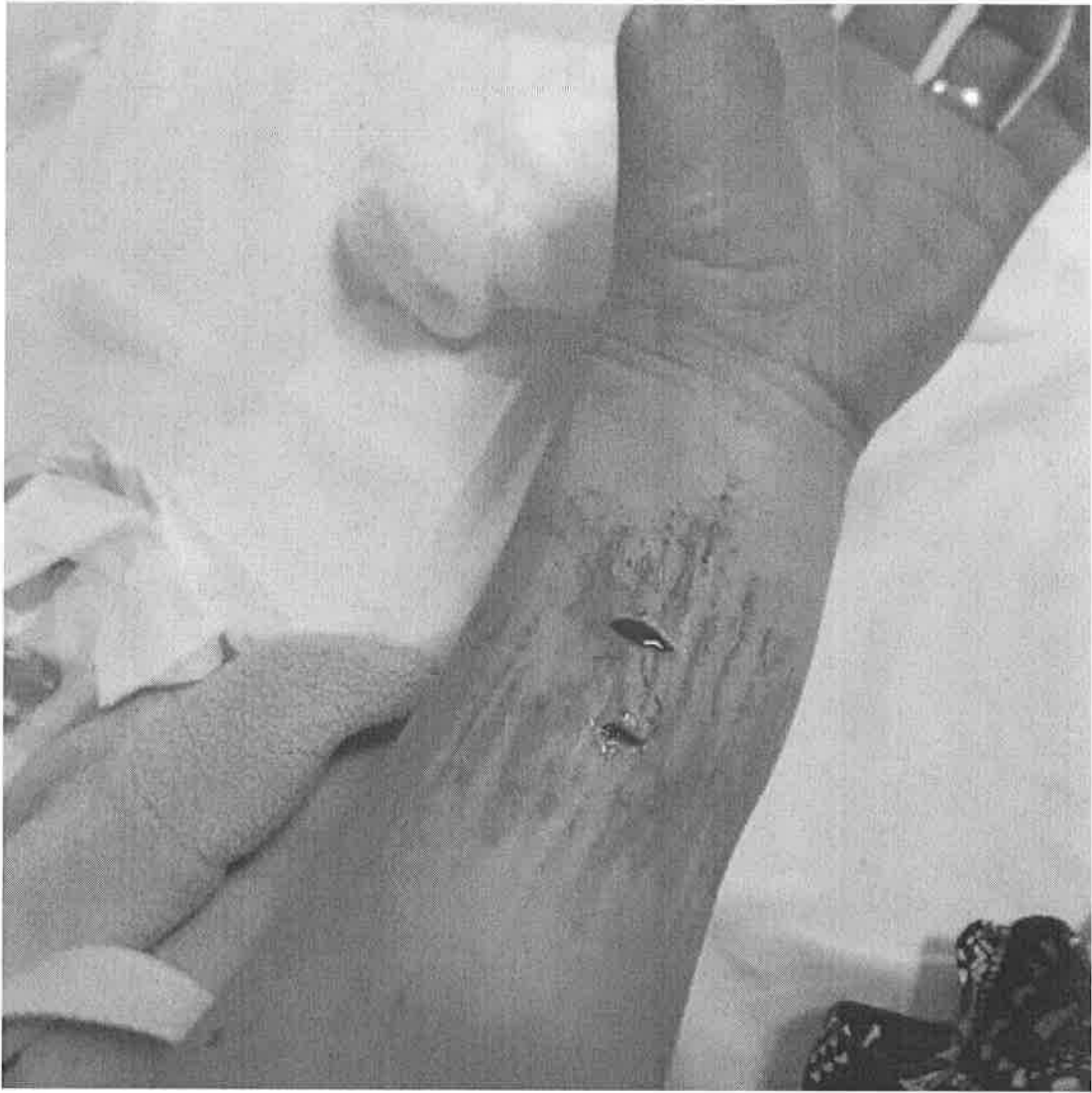
Left knee



Left hip



Right knee



Left arm



Arms comparison, some swelling on 6/30

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APPENDIX A

TOWN OF Richmond, VT
VICIOUS DOG COMPLAINT FORM

[Date]

[Town of Richmond]

Attn: Selectboard Chair

[Street Address]

[Town, VT, zip]

[Phone-Daytime-and/or e-mail]

203 Bridge St

PO Box 285

Richmond, VT 05477

434-5170 Town Manager

State law (20 V.S.A. § 3546) requires the selectboard to hold a vicious dog hearing when a domestic pet or wolf-hybrid has bitten a person while the animal is off the premises of its owner or keeper, the person bitten requires medical attention for the attack, and such person files a written complaint with the selectboard. The information submitted on this form will be used to determine whether such a hearing is warranted.

Person Reporting Attack:

Amy POWERS

Street Address:

836 Snipe Ireland Rd

Town, VT, ZIP:

Richmond VT 05477

The facts of the attack are as follows:

Date/Time: 6/28/2021, 2pm

Place of Attack: Snipe Ireland Brook -side 836 Snipe Ireland.

Did the Person Bitten Require Medical Attention? [circle one]: N

Victim [name/address]: Amy Powers

836 Snipe Ireland Rd

Richmond VT 05477

Other facts that may assist the Selectboard in its investigation [e.g. name/address of owner of alleged suspected dog/description of suspected dog/circumstances leading to attack, etc.]:

I was having a friendly conversation w/ Janet (owner) + dog Oakley attacked me suddenly, unprovoked. We were on my property but we welcome Janet + her grandsons to swim in that part of the brook where we've set up a sitting area + "pool" in the creek. Oakley attacked my arms + legs + left bites on all.

If you need additional space, please attach sheets to this form. Please submit this document and any supporting documentation to the address at the top of this form.

• We have had numerous instances when Oakley has been aggressive toward members of our family as we go down our driveway - both on our part of the driveway & on the right-of-way we have through Janet's drive. He growls + charges + nips at peoples heels (my son on his bike) but until yesterday didn't get hold of anyone.

• We have a very pleasant relationship w/ Janet.

• There are about 25 kids ages 4-15 coming to our land for "forest school camp" every day next week. July 5-9 all day. It is not feasible for the dog to be anywhere on the property during that time as he's a danger. These kids also come once a week at other times, and I have 3 kids living here all the time. If these bites I have had been on a child's arm it would be broken & on their faces it could permanently scar or maim them.