



On 2024/10/23, Essex County Animal Control received an email from the Town of Tecumseh regarding an individual that was attacked on 2024/10/21 in the Town of Tecumseh. A request was made to conduct an investigation into the incident that took place on the corner of Little River Blvd. and Woodridge Drive.

Essex County Animal Control initiated an investigation regarding the above-mentioned incident. After collecting statements and relevant evidence from the parties involved, the information was reviewed by the Town of Tecumseh By-Law Department and Essex County Animal Control. A consensus was made that the aforementioned incident met the definition set out in the Town of Tecumseh By-law 2003-091 section 1.3 regarding a dangerous dog. Subsequently, the Town of Tecumseh By-law department served a notice, deeming said dog dangerous.

In response to request for recommendations for rehabilitation of dogs deemed dangerous under Town of Tecumseh By-law 2003-091 section 1.3, my opinion is that some dogs can be rehabilitated. I would suggest after a set period of time (6 months to a year.) that an assessment from a dog behaviourist from a reputable organization (ie. Windsor Essex Humane Society, OSPCA, etc.) be obtained or the dog passing a recognized behavioral test such as the CKC Canine Good Neighbour Test (CGN). If the dog passes the testing and an appeal committee is satisfied that the dog is no longer a danger to the community, a suspension of the dangerous dog designation may be applied.

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