

KETV.com

City Council Holding Dangerous Dog Ordinance Hearing Tuesday

Related To Story

Ordinance About More Breeds Than Just Pit Bulls, Humane Society Says

POSTED: 12:07 am CDT September 16, 2008
UPDATED: 9:13 am CDT September 16, 2008



[Empty rectangular box]

OMAHA, Neb. -- The Omaha City Council will hear from the public about its proposed dangerous dog ordinance on Tuesday.

Video: Dog Biting Broadens View Of Dangerous Dog Ordinance

The law would place strict requirements on owners of pit bulls and any animal classified as potentially dangerous.

The Humane Society said it's not just pit bulls that attack -- other dogs like Labrador Retrievers and German Sheppard's routinely pop up on dog bite calls.

A person was attacked Monday by three Labradors and a Jack Russell terrier. The bites even broke the skin on the victim's left leg.

Aubrey Reed said he saw two of his neighbor's dogs running out in the street and that when he couldn't get their attention, he decided to go inside.

"I started walking toward the front door, and suddenly, you know, the dog came up behind me and bit me," Reed said.

Owner Larry Alexander took full responsibility for the bite.

"The dogs shouldn't have been out. It's my responsibility to keep them gated. What can I say," Alexander said.

All three Labradors were taken to the Humane Society under quarantine for investigation.

Spokeswoman Pam Wiese said it was a good example why the proposed dangerous dog ordinance is more than just about pit bulls.

"All dogs have teeth, all dogs can bite, and all dogs can do some level of damage," Wiese said.

The Human Society said that most of the dogs were not registered, not up to date on their rabies shots and they were loose.

Under the proposed law, three strikes in two years would get an owner's dogs taken away.

The City Council meeting is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

There will be a public hearing on the ordinance.

Copyright 2008 by KETV.com. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed.