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Chocolate lab declared potentially dangerous

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A chocolate lab adopted from the Central Nebraska Humane Society in Grand Island has been declared potentially dangerous by the society's animal control division.

The declaration was upheld Thursday by Grand Island's Animal Advisory Board after an appeal hearing requested by the dog's owners, Chris and Andrea Cochnar, 2417 W. Koenig.

The dog, a 15-month-old named Max, bit a neighbor over the dog's own backyard fence while the neighbor was mowing. The neighbor, Craig Wilkens, required six stitches in his hand at the hospital emergency room because of the bite.

The bite was apparently unprovoked. Although Max has no history of past aggression, the advisory board upheld the declaration as a protection to the Grand Island community. Max has been involved in youth activities in the past.

Under the city's regulations, he will now have to be muzzled when off his property and kept indoors or in a secured outdoor pen when unattended. The pen must be at least 10 feet from any neighboring property line.

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