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John W. Morris, Director of Public Health

Date: May 3, 2019
To: **City Council of Amesbury**
From: Steven Maher, Animal Control Officer/Inspector
Re: Recommendations for Dangerous Dog

Amesbury City Council

After speaking with several residents, the Veterinarians at Amesbury Animal Hospital and taking in the history of Kuma, the Animal Control Department for the City of Amesbury, MA would like the City Council to make at least one of the following recommendations listed below in order of preference:

1. Removal of Kuma from the City of Amesbury. The Condo Association agrees to this recommendation as well.
2. Require Brian McMenimen to restrain, muzzle and confine Kuma to property located at 1 Senee Court. In addition place a fence around his perimeter to keep Kuma contained.
3. Have Brian and Kuma attend dog training classes and behavior schools as well as a behavioral consult with Tufts and possible medication as recommended by Amesbury Animal Hospital.
4. Euthanasia as a last resort.

Signature: _____ Date: 5/3/19

Thank You
Steven Maher
Animal Control Officer and Inspector
City of Amesbury
Town of Salisbury

Cell: 978-417-1055
Email: animalcontrol@salisburyma.gov

CC: John W. Morris, Director of Public Health



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John W. Morris, Director of Public Health

Date: April 18, 2019
To: **City Council of Amesbury**
From: Steven Maher Animal Control Officer/Inspector
Re: Request for Dangerous Dog

To whom it may concern

This letter is to serve as a request in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 140 § 157 that I Steven Maher Animal Control Officer for the City of Amesbury am requesting a hearing before the City Council to determine if the Dog Kuma owned by Brian McMenimen currently residing at 1 Senee Court Amesbury, MA 01913, is in fact dangerous due to history listed below.

1. On 11/20/2017 Kuma bit Amesbury Police Sgt. Lauren Tirone while responding to a medical call at your residence. Sgt. Tirone was bit on the shoulder part of her jacket and tried to bit her in the face. Shelter in place was issued as dog was running loose.
2. On 02/16/2018 Kuma bit another dog named Phoebe while out walking on unicorn circle.
3. On 03/11/2018 a permanent muzzle order was put into place based on the history.
4. On 04/18/2019 Kuma bit another dog that required surgery

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the information below.

Cell: 978-417-1055

Email: amesburyaco@gmail.com

Signature: _____

Date: 4/19/19

Thank You
Steven Maher
Animal Control officer and Inspector
City of Amesbury
Town of Salisbury

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Part I ADMINISTRATION OF THE
GOVERNMENT

Title PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOOD
XX ORDER

Chapter LICENSES
140

Section NUISANCE OR DANGEROUS DOGS;
157 ORDERS FOR REMEDIAL ACTION;
APPEAL; VIOLATION OF ORDER

Section 157. (a) Any person may file a complaint in writing to the hearing authority that a dog owned or kept in the city or town is a nuisance dog or a dangerous dog; provided, however, that no dog shall be deemed dangerous: (i) solely based upon growling or barking or solely growling and barking; (ii) based upon the breed of the dog; or (iii) if the dog was reacting to another animal or to a person and the dog's reaction was not grossly disproportionate to any of the following circumstances:

- (1) the dog was protecting or defending itself, its offspring, another domestic animal or a person from attack or assault;
- (2) the person who was attacked or threatened by the dog was committing a crime upon the person or property of the owner or keeper of the dog;
- (3) the person attacked or threatened by the dog was engaged in teasing, tormenting, battering, assaulting, injuring or otherwise provoking the dog;
or
- (4) at the time of the attack or threat, the person or animal that was attacked or threatened by the dog had breached an enclosure or structure in which the dog was kept apart from the public and such person or animal was not authorized by the owner of the premises to be within such enclosure including, but not limited to, a gated, fenced-in area if the gate was closed, whether locked or unlocked; provided, however, that if a person is under the age of 7, it shall be a rebuttable presumption that such person was not committing a crime, provoking the dog or trespassing.

The hearing authority shall investigate or cause the investigation of the complaint, including an examination under oath of the complainant at a public hearing in the municipality to determine whether the dog is a nuisance dog or a dangerous dog. Based on credible evidence and testimony presented at the public hearing, the hearing authority shall: (i) if the dog is complained of as a nuisance dog, either dismiss the complaint or

deem the dog a nuisance dog; or (ii) if the dog is complained of as a dangerous dog: (A) dismiss the complaint; (B) deem the dog a nuisance dog; or (C) deem the dog a dangerous dog.

(b) If the hearing authority deems a dog a nuisance dog, the hearing authority may further order that the owner or keeper of the dog take remedial action to ameliorate the cause of the nuisance behavior.

(c) If the hearing authority deems a dog a dangerous dog, the hearing authority shall order 1 or more of the following:

(i) that the dog be humanely restrained; provided, however, that no order shall provide that a dog deemed dangerous be chained, tethered or otherwise tied to an inanimate object including, but not limited to, a tree, post or building;

(ii) that the dog be confined to the premises of the keeper of the dog; provided, however, that "confined" shall mean securely confined indoors or confined outdoors in a securely enclosed and locked pen or dog run area upon the premises of the owner or keeper; provided further, that such pen or dog run shall have a secure roof and, if such enclosure has no floor secured to the sides thereof, the sides shall be embedded into the ground for not less than 2 feet; and provided further, that within the confines of such pen or dog run, a dog house or proper shelter from the elements shall be provided to protect the dog;

(iii) that when removed from the premises of the owner or the premises of the person keeping the dog, the dog shall be securely and humanely muzzled and restrained with a chain or other tethering device having a minimum tensile strength of 300 pounds and not exceeding 3 feet in length;

(iv) that the owner or keeper of the dog provide proof of insurance in an amount not less than \$100,000 insuring the owner or keeper against any claim, loss, damage or injury to persons, domestic animals or property resulting from the acts, whether intentional or unintentional, of the dog or proof that reasonable efforts were made to obtain such insurance if a policy has not been issued; provided, however, that if a policy of insurance has been issued, the owner or keeper shall produce such policy upon request of the hearing authority or a justice of the district court; and provided further, that if a policy has not been issued the owner or keeper shall produce proof of efforts to obtain such insurance;

(v) that the owner or keeper of the dog provide to the licensing authority or animal control officer or other entity identified in the order, information by which a dog may be identified, throughout its lifetime including, but not limited to, photographs, videos, veterinary examination, tattooing or microchip implantations or a combination of any such methods of identification;

(vi) that unless an owner or keeper of the dog provides evidence that a veterinarian is of the opinion the dog is unfit for alterations because of a medical condition, the owner or keeper of the dog shall cause the dog to be altered so that the dog shall not be reproductively intact; or

(vii) that the dog be humanely euthanized.

No order shall be issued directing that a dog deemed dangerous shall be removed from the town or city in which the owner of the dog resides. No city or town shall regulate dogs in a manner that is specific to breed.

(d) Within 10 days after an order issued under subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, the owner or keeper of a dog may bring a petition in the district court within the judicial district in which the order relative to the dog was issued or where the dog is owned or kept, addressed to the justice of the court, praying that the order be reviewed by the court or a magistrate of the court. After notice to all parties, the magistrate shall, under section 62C of chapter 221, review the order of the hearing authority, hear the witnesses and affirm the order unless it shall appear that it was made without proper cause or in bad faith, in which case the order shall be reversed. A party shall have the right to request a de novo hearing on the complaint before a justice of the court.

(e)(1) Pending an appeal by an owner or keeper under subsection (d), a hearing authority may file a petition in the district court to request an order of impoundment at a facility the municipality uses to shelter animals for a dog complained of as being a dangerous dog. A municipality shall not incur liability for failure to request impoundment of a dog under this subsection.

(2) A justice of a district court, upon probable cause to believe that a dog is a dangerous dog or that a dog is being kept in violation of this section or in violation of an order issued under this section by a hearing authority or a court, may issue an order: (i) of restraint; (ii) of confinement of the dog as considered necessary for the safety of other animals and the public; provided, however, that if an order of confinement is issued, the person to whom the order is issued shall confine the dog in accordance with clause (ii) of subsection (c); or (iii) of impoundment in a humane place of detention that the municipality uses to shelter animals; or (iv) any other action as the court deems necessary to protect other animals and the public from the dog.

(f) A justice of the district court shall hear, de novo, an appeal filed under subsection (d). Based upon credible evidence and testimony presented at trial, the court shall, whether the dog was initially complained of as a nuisance dog or as a dangerous dog: (i) dismiss the complaint; (ii) deem the dog a nuisance dog; or (iii) deem the dog a dangerous dog. The decision of the court shall be final and conclusive upon the parties.

(g) If a court affirms an order of euthanasia, the owner or keeper of the dog shall reimburse the city or town for all reasonable costs incurred for the housing and care of such dog during its impoundment and throughout the appeals process, if any. Unpaid costs shall be recovered by the municipality in which the owner or keeper of the dog resides on behalf of the hearing authority by any of the following methods: (i) a lien on any property owned by the owner or keeper of the dog; (ii) an additional, earmarked charge to appear on the vehicle excise of the owner or keeper of the dog; or (iii) a direct bill sent to the owner or keeper of the dog.

All funds recovered by a municipality under this subsection shall be transferred to the organization or entity charged with the responsibility of handling dog complaints and impoundment. If the organization or entity falls under the management or direction of the municipality, costs recovered shall be distributed at the discretion of the municipality.

If the court overturns an order of euthanasia, the city or town shall pay all reasonable costs incurred for the housing and care of the dog during any period of impoundment.

(h) If an owner or keeper of a dog is found in violation of an order issued under this section, the dog shall be subject to seizure and impoundment by a law enforcement or animal control officer. If the keeper of the dog is in violation, all reasonable effort shall be made by the seizing authority to notify the owner of the dog of such seizure. Upon receipt of such notice, the owner may file a petition with the hearing authority, within 7 days, for the return of the dog to the owner. The owner or keeper shall be ordered to immediately surrender to the licensing authority the license and tags in the person's possession, if any, and the owner or keeper shall be prohibited from licensing a dog within the commonwealth for 5 years. A hearing authority that determines that a dog is dangerous or a nuisance or that a dog owner or keeper has violated an order issued under this section shall report such violations to the issuing licensing authority within 30 days.

(i) Orders issued by a hearing authority shall be valid throughout the commonwealth unless overturned under subsection (d) or (f).

AMESBURY/SALISBURY ANIMAL CONTROL ANIMAL FIGHT REPORT

DATE: 04/17/2019 TIME: 1315 PM CITY: AMESBURY CALL NUMBER: 19 - 5280

ANIMAL 1 INFORMATION

ANIMAL TYPE: DOG VACCINATED: YES EXPIRES: 11/16/209 NAME: BUCK

LAST NAME: RYAN FIRST NAME: HEATHER PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: 2 MASON COURT CITY: AMESBURY STATE: MA ZIP: 01913

TREATED: YES FACILITY NAME: AMESBURY ANIMAL HOSPITAL PHONE NUMBER: 978-388-3636

LOCATION OF BITE: RIGHT REAR LEG AREA

ANIMAL 2 INFORMATION

TYPE: DOG VACCINATED: YES EXPIRES: 08/20/2019 NAME: KUMA

LAST NAME: McMENIMEN FIRST NAME: BRIAN PHONE NUMBER:

ADDRESS: 1 SENE COURT CITY: AMESBURY STATE: MA ZIP: 1913

TREATED: NO FACILITY NAME: N/A PHONE NUMBER: N/A

LOCATION OF BITE: N/A

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

Buck a 5 y/o black lab current and up to date on all vaccinations was playing with another dog owned by Ed Wright at 60 Cynthia Lane Amesbury, MA when Kuma a 2 y/o pitbull current and up to on all vaccinations charged through a gate that was opened by Brian McMenimen who has permission to be on property as Kuma plays with his dog as well. Kuma was not muzzled not as required by written order issued on 03/11/2018. Kuma and Buck started to fight and Brian and the Wright attempted to break the dogs apart and in the process both parties got bit. Wright bit wounds to both hands as well as a fractured right index finger. McMenimen suffered bit wounds to both hands and left forearm. Parties agree that they are unsure what dog bit them. a third victim Heather Ryan who is the owner of Buck was also bit in the Left forearm she was bit by Kuma. McMenimen was treated at Seabrook ER and Wright, and Ryan treated at AnnaJaques. Kuma was placed on 10 day quarantine and dangerous dog hearing has been filed.



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Incident #: 19-533-OF
Call #: 19-5280

Date/Time Reported: 04/17/2019 1315
Report Date/Time: 04/17/2019 1502
Occurred Between: 04/17/2019 1245-04/17/2019 1500
Status: No Crime Involved



Reporting Officer: KYLE ARSENEAU
Assisting Officer: PATROLMAN DENIS CHAMPAGNE
Approving Officer: SERGEANT CHARLES SCIACCA

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

#	INVOLVED	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	MCMENIMEN, BRIAN PAUL JR 1 SENEET CT AMESBURY MA 01913	M	W	44	[REDACTED]	978-918-0694

Military Active Duty: N
 HEIGHT: [REDACTED] WEIGHT: [REDACTED] HAIR: [REDACTED] EYES: [REDACTED]
 BODY: [REDACTED] COMPLEXION: [REDACTED]
 DOB: [REDACTED] PLACE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]
 STATE ID: [REDACTED] FBI ID: 798726XB9
 LICENSE NUMBER: [REDACTED] ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC
 PCF #: 00002529807

[CONTACT INFORMATION]

Home Phone (Primary) 978-918-0694
Home Phone [REDACTED]

[APPEARANCE]

GLASSES WORN: NO

[FAMILY/EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION]

MARITAL STATUS: [REDACTED]
 FATHER'S NAME: [REDACTED]
 MOTHER'S NAME: [REDACTED]
 EMPLOYER/SCHOOL: [REDACTED]
 OCCUPATION: [REDACTED]

EVENTS(S)

LOCATION TYPE: Specialty Store Zone: SECTOR 2

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Incident #: 19-533-OF
Call #: 19-5280

AMESBURY ANIMAL HOSPITAL
60 CYNTHIA LN
AMESBURY MA 01913

1 Animal Complaint/DOG BITE

#	VICTIM(S)	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	<p>RYAN, HEATHER L 2 MASON CT AMESBURY MA 01913 DOB: [REDACTED] EMPLOYER: [REDACTED] INJURIES: Apparent Minor Injury ETHNICITY: Not of Hispanic Origin RESIDENT STATUS: Resident TAKEN TO: ANNA JAQUES VICTIM CONNECTED TO OFFENSE NUMBER(S): 1 RELATION TO: MCMENIMEN BRIAN CONTACT INFORMATION: Home Phone (Primary) 978-394-9419 Home Phone [REDACTED]</p>	F	W	47		978-394-9419
2	<p>WRIGHT, EDWARD C 60 CYNTHIA LN AMESBURY MA 01913 DOB: [REDACTED] INJURIES: Apparent Minor Injury ETHNICITY: Not of Hispanic Origin RESIDENT STATUS: Resident TAKEN TO: ANNA JAQUES VICTIM CONNECTED TO OFFENSE NUMBER(S): 1 CONTACT INFORMATION: Home Phone (Primary) 978-834-6474 Work Phone (Primary) [REDACTED]</p>	M	W	69		978-834-6474

ADDITIONAL ASSISTING OFFICERS

PATROLMAN RONALD GUILMETTE

NARRATIVE FOR KYLE ARSENEAU

Ref: 19-533-OF

On Wednesday 4/17/19, I Officer Kyle Arseneau was working 0700-1700 for the City of Amesbury in marked cruiser #404. At approximately 12:45pm I was dispatched to 60 Cynthia Lane for a report of a man in abusing his dog.

When I knocked on the door at 60 Cynthia Lane no one answered. It did not appear that the owner was home. However, I was greeted at the door by a small black dog named Chloe. Chloe appeared to be uninjured and under no stress. Given the information I had I cleared without any action taken.

Around 1:15pm Officer Champagne and I were dispatched to 277 Elm Street, the Amesbury Animal Hospital for a follow up on my previous call at Cynthia Lane. I spoke with Heather Ryan [REDACTED] who relayed to me that the incident at Cynthia Lane was a dog fight and not a man abusing his dog. Heather is the owner of "Buck" a Black Lab and shepard mix. Heather had very minor lacerations to her left forearm but opted to go to Anna Jaques.

Heather's dog was transported to the Amesbury Animal Hospital by Edward Wright [REDACTED]. Edward is the home owner at 60 Cynthia Lane. After driving Heather's dog to the hospital, Edward drove himself to Anna Jaques to treat moderate lacerations suffered on both of his wrists and hands. Edward's dog (Chloe) appeared to be uninjured and did not need any immediate medical attention.

The third party involved was Brian McMenimen [REDACTED] and his dog "Kuma" a pit bull. After contacting the ACO we learned that Brian's dog has an active muzzle order for Kuma. Kuma has the active muzzle order for a previous incident involving one of our Officer's suffering from an attack by Kuma. During the incident Kuma did not have the muzzle on.

Edward told me that he and Heather were in his backyard where Chloe and Buck were playing. Brian opened the gate to Edward's backyard (unannounced) and that is when the fight immediately ensued. All three of the parties involved tried to reach in and remove Buck and Kuma from fighting. Chloe does not appear to have been involved in the incident. Edward was not sure of which dog bit him. See attached photos for injuries.

Officer Guilmette went to the Seabrook ER to follow up with Brian and take photos of his injuries. See Officer Guilmette's report and photos. Officer Champagne went to Brian's residence at 1 Senee Court with the ACO in order to speak with Brian and check the status of his dog. The ACO is aware of the situation and will be following up with The City about any other necessary action.

Ref: 19-533-OF

On Wednesday April 17, 2019, I (Officer Guilmette) was assigned to marked Amesbury Police cruiser 407. At approximately 1440 hours I was detailed to take a phone call from The Seabrook Emergency Room in regards to a dog bite. It should be noted at that time Officer Champagne and Arseneau were currently investigating an incident in which multiple dogs were fighting and parties had sustained injuries.

I was advised there was a victim of a dog bite which had occurred in Amesbury currently being treated for multiple puncture and scratches, some of which would require sutures. The male was identified as Brian McMenimen, the owner of Kuma, the dog identified as the aggressor in the altercation.

I responded to the Seabrook Emergency room and made contact with Mr. McMenimen. I photographed his injuries which had already been sutured closed (See attached). He also complained of back pain following the incident from a fall he has sustained.

The Animal Control Officer also arrived to assist. Mr. McMenimen advised us he was walking to his neighbors gate and did not notice there were two dogs playing. When he hit the latch his dog, Kuma, pushed his way through and attacked the other dogs. It should be noted there is a muzzle order for Kuma which states any time the dog leaves his property it is required to be wearing a muzzle. The dog was not muzzled.

Mr. McMenimen was advised by the ACO the matter would be investigated further.



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John W. Morris, Director of Public Health

Date: March 11, 2018
To: Brian McMenimen
From: Steven Maher Animal Control Officer/Inspector
Re: Kuma

Mr. McMenimen,

Based on the history and actions of your dog Kuma the Animal Control Department is taking the following action. You are hereby Ordered to **MUZZLE** Kuma at all times while outside the confines of 1 Senee court Amesbury, MA and while on public property in the City of Amesbury. The reasons for this order are listed below.

1. On 11/20/2017 Kuma bit Sgt. Lauren Tirone of the Amesbury Police while she was at your residence for a medical call. Kuma jump up and bit Tirone on the shoulder part of her jacket as well as he tried to bit her in the face.
2. On 02/16/2018 Kuma bit another dog Phoebe while out walking on unicorn circle.

If you are found violating this order at anytime the following fines will be imposed.

\$50 – first offense

\$75 – second offense

\$100 – third offense and a hearing before the city council for a nuisance/dangerous dog in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 140 Sect. 157 and 157A

If you would like to contest this order you may do so by submitting a letter to the city council requesting a hearing. At that time you can present witnesses and give any testimony as to why this order should be lifted.

Thank You
Steven Maher,
Animal Control officer and Inspector
City of Amesbury
Town of Salisbury

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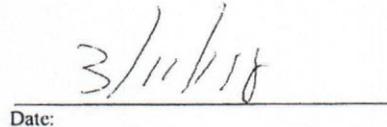
John W. Morris, Director of Public Health

Date: March 11, 2018
To: Brian McMenimen
From: Steven Maher Animal Control Officer/Inspector

Mr. McMenimen,

This is to serve as a receipt that I Brian McMenimen currently residing at 1 Senee court, Amesbury, MA 01913 have received a copy of the muzzle order that was issued by the Animal Control Department for the City of Amesbury.


Signature: _____


Date: _____

Thank You
Steven Maher,
Animal Control officer and Inspector
City of Amesbury
Town of Salisbury

CC: John W. Morris, Director of Public Health



Amesbury Animal Hospital, PC

277 Elm Street
 Amesbury, MA 01913-4303
 (978) 388-3636

General Medical Exam Small Animal

4/17/2019

Client Name: Heather Ryan
Address: 2 Mason Ct.
 Amesbury, MA 01913

Phone Number: [REDACTED]
Age: 5 Yrs. 0 Mos.

Patient Name: Buck
Species: Canine
Breed: Retriever
Sex: Neutered Male
Color: Black
Weight: ~80 lbs

Previous History: pet usually goes to Old Town Animal Hospital

Current Diet:
Current Meds/ none
Supplements:

Jacqueline L. Bastien, DVM Technician: HL/LS

New History :	
What problem(s) are your pet experiencing today? Reason for visit	dog fight with neighbors dog other dog is Kuma (owner Brian Mcmenimen, pet is UTD on rabies)
When did the problem start?	10 minutes ago
Is the problem the same, better, or worse?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same <input type="checkbox"/> Better <input type="checkbox"/> Worse
Has a similar problem happen in the past?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes:
Eating Changes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Increased <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased
Any vomiting or diarrhea? Frequency and amount.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes:
Any weight loss?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes:
Any increase or decrease in water consumption?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes:
Any change in bowel movements?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes:
Additional Notes/Concerns/Comments from Owner:	
Vaccine History: <input type="checkbox"/> UTD <input type="checkbox"/> Overdue: unsure	

Notes: Two people and possibly another dog were injured as well.

T=102.6

BCS 5/9

Attitude: BAR, on stretcher with muzzle in place, painful, laying sternally

EENT: Muzzled. MM: pink/moist, eyes clear, ears clean

PLN: NA

H/L: NAM, tachycardic; panting

ABD: Seems sensitive to touching anywhere, but do not think abdomen is specifically painful

I/S/M: Skin and coat - significant wounds right thigh-large holes medially, very painful with limb manipulation, blood on neck

Non-ambulatory

U/G: Sheath & scrotum WNL

NEURO: Has deep pain both hind legs, cries when retracts right hind leg, unwilling to stand per techs

Problems: Dog fight/bite wounds-primarily right hind

Plan: We are to receive previous medical records from Old Town AH

JB gave 1.2cc Buprinex IV+1cc IM and 175mg Rimadyl SQ for initial pain relief.

LS placed 18 ga IVC and then JB gave 2.9cc Ket+2.9cc Val IV and placed on Iso to better examine and treat wounds.

See SM surgical report and admission report for more details.

Stephen, the Amesbury ACO, came in to see the injuries and took pictures.



Amesbury Animal Hospital, PC

277 Elm Street
Amesbury, MA 01913-4303
(978) 388-3636

4/5/2017

Kelly A. Butterworth, DVM, DACVIM Technician: LN

Client Name: Brian McMenimen
Address: 1 Senee Court
Amesbury, MA 01913

Patient Name: Kuma
Species: Canine
Breed: Pitbull
Sex: Neutered Male
Color: Red
Weight: 64.3 pounds

Phone Number: (978) 270-7826

Microchip:

Age: 1 Yrs. 10 Mos.

Wellness Exam:

History: adopted about 1 week ago

Concerns: owner would like to take off of medication

Any Behavioral Changes? No

Yes, Explanation:

Current Diet: Prescription diet for digestive problems, owner unsure of brand

Current Meds/Supplements: Trazadone 100mg BID

Does your Pet go to: Boarding facility Groomer Dog Park Daycare None

Confirm Microchip:

Vaccinations: <input type="checkbox"/> Rabies <input type="checkbox"/> 1yr <input type="checkbox"/> 3yr <input type="checkbox"/> declined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> current <input type="checkbox"/> DA2P <input type="checkbox"/> 1yr <input type="checkbox"/> 3yr <input type="checkbox"/> declined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> current <input type="checkbox"/> Parvo <input type="checkbox"/> 1yr <input type="checkbox"/> 3yr <input type="checkbox"/> declined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> current <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lepto <input type="checkbox"/> declined <input type="checkbox"/> current <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lyme <input type="checkbox"/> declined <input type="checkbox"/> current <input type="checkbox"/> Bordetella <input type="checkbox"/> declined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> current <input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> SQ <input type="checkbox"/> Influenza <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> declined <input type="checkbox"/> current		Flea/HW Prevention: <input type="checkbox"/> Frontline <input type="checkbox"/> Nexgard <input type="checkbox"/> Advantix 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heartgard Plus (owner has) <input type="checkbox"/> Interceptor <input type="checkbox"/> Seresto Collar <input type="checkbox"/> declined
Laboratory: <input type="checkbox"/> Fecal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> declined <input type="checkbox"/> Ref Lab <input type="checkbox"/> IH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heartworm Test <input type="checkbox"/> declined <input type="checkbox"/> Ref Lab <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IH <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Bloodwork <input type="checkbox"/> discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Ref Lab <input type="checkbox"/> IH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	Other Requests: <input type="checkbox"/> Nail Trim <input type="checkbox"/> Anal Glands <input type="checkbox"/> Ear Cleaning <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

Exam:

S: BAR, **MM:** pink/moist, **CRT**<2sec

O: **HR:** 88 bpm **RR:** 48 bpm

EENT: Eyes clear, ears clean, teeth look good

PLN: WNL, soft and symmetrical

H/L: NAM, NSR; Eupnic, lungs sound normal bilaterally
Abd: soft, non-painful with no significant findings on palpation
U/G: WNL
M/S/I: Ambulatory x4, Skin and coat wnl

A: Good general health aside from intermitent diarrhea noted by the owner (briefly discussed dietary management and prescription diet if he would like to pursue that, and anxiety issues. We discussed the dogs insecurity issues and vigilant management of meeting new people and exposing to new situations. The dog is food motivated and enjoys cheese so instructed them to use that to keep him feeling positive about new situations and new people. Discussed one specific instance where someone came in the house unexpectedly and the dog lunged and barked. I instructed them to keep the door locked and always control new meetings and people. Have dog under control and instruct new people on how to meet him (no talking, patting or bending down to dog just allow dog to sniff them and feed the dog a high value treat such as the cheese) Also instructed him that doggie day care may be helpful but that the facility should understand that the dog is insecure and sometimes reactive and a dog trainer should be involved in introducing the dog to play group in a controlled and safe way. The owner would like to taper the trazadone I told him that was fine but explained that the 100 mg BID was a relatively low dose and that if it seemed to make the dog feel more comfortable that may be advisable to continue. Nervous dog but nice and relaxes well and becomes confident reasonably quickly with a new person if it is a positive experience. (IE when I went in the room and gave him some treats he quickly followed me around and wanted pats)

Took dog out back and muzzled for vaccines and HWT gave lyme SC LH and lepto SC scruff. Dog was nervous but did well. Fed cheese afterward. He seemed to relax relatively quickly.

P: continue to work on confidence building and positive reinforcement with the dog.

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discuss aggression. 11/19/17 5:45am took out for a walk and the cops were out in the complex and he got loose. Went for the female police officer after she had screamed. Was quarenteened for 10 days after that. On Trazodone 100mg 4 tablets but not working. O has tried some different trainers but no one wants to work with him. Has been thrown out of multiple day cares. this is 4th owner. (HAA)

Recommend behavior consult at tufts. Discussed importance of finding controlled situations to work with the dog with a professional trainer and a controlled enviroment with only positive interactions. An uncontrolled situation with new people and dogs as happens in doggie daycare facilities is not in the dogs best interest at this point.

Also recommended behavior consult with Tufts to discuss modifacaiton of medications and working with the dogs aggression/anxiety issues with new people. Dog in good physical health. Fed treats and showed no signs of aggression with me today.

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