

**TOWN OF
EAST MONTPELIER, VERMONT
SELECTBOARD**

VICIOUS DOG HEARING DECISION & PROTECTIVE ORDER

In the matter of: [name of dog]
 [owner(s) name/address]

INTRODUCTION & PROCEDURAL HISTORY

1. This proceeding involves a vicious dog complaint submitted by [name of complainant] and received by the Selectboard on [date of complaint receipt].
2. On [date], public notice of this vicious dog hearing was posted on the East Montpelier website (<http://eastmontpeliervt.org>), both inside and outside the East Montpelier Municipal Office Building, at the East Montpelier Post Office, and at the East Montpelier Elementary School. Further, notice was provided by email to the East Montpelier Citizens List, which includes members of the public and media requesting notice of Selectboard meetings and hearings.
3. On [date], notice of this vicious dog hearing was mailed to [name of dog owner], owner/keeper of [dog name].
4. On [date], notice of this vicious dog hearing was mailed to [name of complainant].
5. Present and participating at the hearing were the following members of the Selectboard:
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6. During the course of the hearing the following exhibits were submitted to the Selectboard:
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PROTECTIVE ORDER

Based on the foregoing facts and circumstances, and pursuant to 20 V.S.A. §3546(c), the East Montpelier Selectboard hereby orders that the domestic pet or wolf-hybrid named _____ and owned by _____ is to be:

- Muzzled:** (where/when _____);
- Chained:** (where/when _____);
- Confined:** (where/when _____);
- Spayed/Neutered:** (no later than _____);
- Transferred** to an animal shelter or rescue organization for the purposed of finding an adoptive home;
- Disposed of in a humane manner:** (no later than _____);
- Other:** _____

Based on the foregoing facts and circumstances, and pursuant to 20 V.S.A. §3546(c), the East Montpelier Selectboard hereby orders that [name of owner]:

Until such time as completion of the conditions set forth in this order can be satisfactorily verified [name of dog] shall be released to [name of owner/keeper]/[name of detention facility] with all associated costs being the responsibility of the owner/keeper.

Failure to comply fully with the conditions set forth in this order shall submect the owner/keeper to the penalties provided for in 20 V.S.A. §3546.

This decision/order was approved by the East Montpelier Selectboard on [date].

[name]
 Chair, East Montpelier Selectboard

NOTICE: This decision may be appealed within 30 days of the date of the decision to the Civil Division of the Vermont Superior Court, pursuant to Rule 75(c) of the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure.