

TOWN OF
EAST MONTPELIER, VERMONT
SELECTBOARD

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**TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
VICIOUS DOG COMPLAINT FORM**

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Person Reporting Attack:

~~Janet Connor~~; Janet Connor

Street Address:

420 Brozier Rd

Town, State, Zip Code:

E Montpelier, VT 05651

Phone #, Email:

jbcconnor@comcast.net

Date of Report:

Original 4/19/19; As Reformatted 4/30/19

The facts of the attack are as follows:

Date/Time:

3/16/19 SEE ATTACHED

Place of Attack:

Brozier Rd

Did the Person Bitten Require Medical Attention:

Yes

No

Victim of Attack:

Street Address:

Town, State, Zip Code:

Phone #, Email:

Please provide additional facts on Page 2 of this form

INCIDENT FORM

DATE: 4/19/19 CONSTABLE ANIMAL CONTROL HEALTH OFFICER OTHER

PER: _____ TYPE: Animal Complaint

NAME: Janet Connor LOCATION: Brazier Rd.

TELE#: 279-6478

DESCRIPTION:

Broke McDonald + Andrew Morse own 2 dog "Ellie" This dog has charged at three of us walkers on more than one occasion.

On 3/16 this dog Ellie charged at three of us with teeth bared + in the "attack" mode. Ellie has a muzzle on and was in the middle of Brazier Rd. She followed us charging almost to Kievit-Kyler's home. It was terrifying! I called + spoke w/ Teri Conti + then was visited by Sondi Conti. He has delivered ~~the~~ a notice to the dog owner's home. It is not safe to walk on Brazier Rd. Ellie chases cars + people! Unsafe for all. Please take action! Others who walked with me that day are Judy Jely + Ellen Connor. Please take action! Thanks, Janet B. Connor

April 25, 2019

I am writing to add to Janet's report on the dog (Ellie) on Brazier Road.

My friends, Janet & Ellen, and I were walking on Brazier Road on March 16. When we reached the MacDonald/Morse house, we were aggressively charged by Ellie. She would not back down and had she not had a muzzle on, would most likely have bitten one of us. Her owners made no attempt to call her back & nothing stopped her. Pretty frightening. We have walked that road for years and now no longer feel able to do so. She was so aggressive that even with her now supposedly being on a lead and having a wireless fence, we will not walk Brazier Road.

Judy Joly

-----Original Message-----

From: Ellen Connor <ellen@connorcontractinginc.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 1:58 PM

To: jbconnor@comcast.net

Subject: Nuisance dog

Hello,

I am writing to support Janet Connor's complaint against the dog Ellie of Brazier Road.

On Saturday, March 16th Janet, Judy Joly and I set out from 420 Brazier Rd for a walk. We typically walk to the end of the road towards Center Road and return back to 420.

On our way back, our pleasant walk was interrupted as Ellie charged aggressively towards us from her home. My heart was beating so fast as I was intimidated. I screamed for Ellie to go home as did Janet.

Ellie did not go back in her yard, but remained in the road while we inched our way away from her. I know I walked backwards, as I was not comfortable to turn away from her. Noone came out of the house to control Ellie or address our concerns.

Needless to say the usual upbeat mood that comes from exercise especially on such a pretty road as Brazier was replaced by angst and tension.

As residents and neighbors of Brazier we just want to be able to have peace of mind knowing it is safe to pass by Ellies house without fear.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

Ellen Connor

Maplewood Rd

279-6428

Bruce Johnson

From: Kimberly Swasey <kimberlyswasey@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 9:32 PM
To: eastmontadmin@comcast.net
Subject: Fwd: Dog chasing runners

Bruce-

I inquired about runners from U32 track team and experiences with dog on Brazier Road. Sue has kids on the team and sent me this email. If the potentially vicious dog report is filed then perhaps this could be included if appropriate.

Kim

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sue Cioffi <suefcioffi@gmail.com>
Date: April 24, 2019 at 9:00:11 PM EDT
To: Kim Swasey <kimberlyswasey@comcast.net>
Subject: Dog chasing runners

Hi Kim,

I just asked my boys about the dog on Brazier road, and they said yes, a large white dog wearing a muzzle has chased their group just a few times in the past 2-3 weeks. So it is off its property. One of my boys also said that over the winter when just he and two other boys would run on Brazier, this same dog would lunge at their legs, so they always carry a stick when they run on that road.

No one has been bitten, thankfully, but I would hate for the muzzle to be off!!

Thanks for following up.

Sue

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Person Reporting Attack: _____ Jessica Johnson
Street Address: _____ 293 Westwood Drive
Town, State, Zip Code: _____ Montpelier, VT 05602
Phone #, Email: _____ 802-356-7611 / jessjohnsonvt@gmail.com
Date of Report: _____ 4/3/2018

The facts of the attack are as follows:

Date/Time: _____ 4/2/2018, 6:30 PM
Place of Attack: _____ On Murray Road, outside of residence 885 Murray Road, East Montpelier

Did the Person Bitten Require Medical Attention: Yes No

Victim of Attack: _____ Jess Johnson
Street Address: _____ (Same as above)
Town, State, Zip Code: _____
Phone #, Email: _____

Please provide additional facts on Page 2 of this form

Other facts that may assist the Selectboard in its investigation [for example: name/address of owner of alleged suspected dog; description of suspected dog; circumstances leading to attack; and similar details]:

We believe the dog's name is Nelly and has attacked multiple people in our household over the past few months.

The dog appears to be a white lab mix and will run out into the road to snarl and try and bite you as you walk by.

We've found that by carrying large sticks and swinging them we can scare her off, though she'll chase/lunge at you if you simply try to keep walking. She's come very closer to biting us and recently was so aggressive to us our new 10 month old dog escaped her leash and was lost for 4+ hours before we could get her inside.

Nelly is clearly a dog that should not be off leash without supervision and it's been frustrating for us not to be able to use the Murray road for walking, running, and biking.

If you need additional space, please attach sheets to this form. Please submit this document and any supporting documentation to the East Montpelier Selectboard using the contact options listed at the top of this form.

Bruce Johnson

From: Bruce Johnson <eastmontadmin@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 10:40 AM
To: Amy Willis; 'Bruce Johnson'; 'Carl Etnier'; Gene Troia; Kim Swasey; 'Seth Gardner'
Cc: Sandy Conti
Subject: FW: dog

Hi All:

See below for Ginny Burley's update on the Murray Road dog situation.

The dog is licensed (#316; new this year) in EM to Andrew Morse, Brooke MacDonald's hubby.

Bruce

C. Bruce Johnson
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From: Virginia Burley [<mailto:vburleyvt@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 10:18 AM
To: Bruce Johnson; Seth Gardner
Subject: dog

I talked to Wendy Soliday today. The dog in question is clearly her daughter Brooke's, who lives on Brazier Road but visits often. They acknowledge that the dog has behavior issues and have been looking for treatment. In the meantime they are installing an electric fence at the Brazier Road property and training her to the collar. When they visit Murray Road they will keep the dog inside or on a leash.

I'll let Jessica Johnson know this, and if the Board wants to take further action let me know.

Ginny