
Riesel Police Department

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DATE: _____

TO: Owner of a Dangerous Dog

This Letter is to inform you that your dog described as; _____

_____ has been declared a **Dangerous Dog**. This letter is in regards to Health and Safety Code Chapter 822 "Dogs that are a Danger to Persons." Your dog has made an unprovoked attack causing bodily injury in a place other than an enclosure in which the dog was being kept that was reasonably certain to prevent the dog from leaving on its own; or has committed unprovoked acts in a place other than an enclosure in which the dog was being kept that was reasonably certain to prevent the dog from leaving on its own and those acts cause a person to reasonably believe that the dog will attack and cause bodily injury to that person.

If you intend to keep this dog you will be required to meet the following conditions not later than 30 days from this notice;

1. Restrain the Dangerous Dog at all times on a leash in the immediate control of a person.
2. House the Dangerous Dog in a Fenced Area or Structure that is locked, capable of preventing the entry of the general public, including children, capable of preventing the escape or release of a dog, clearly marked as containing a Dangerous Dog.
3. Show proof of financial responsibility or obtain liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000.
4. Show current Rabies Vaccination documentation.
5. Pay a registration fee of \$50.00 annually.
6. Notify the Riesel Police Department of any other unprovoked attacks this dog makes on any other person.

If you sell or move the Dangerous Dog to a new address you must notify the Animal Control Authority in that area later than the 14th day of the new address.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions is a Class C Misdemeanor, unless the Dangerous Dog causes death or serious bodily injury in which event the offense is a Class A Misdemeanor. If a person is found guilty of an offense under this section the court may order the Dangerous Dog destroyed by a person listed in Section 822.003. In addition to criminal prosecution, a person who commits an offense under this section is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000. An attorney having civil jurisdiction in the county or an attorney for a municipality where the offense occurred may file suit in a court of competent jurisdiction to collect the penalty. Penalties collected under this subsection shall be retained by the county or municipality.

If you can not comply with the above conditions within 30 days, you must contact the Riesel Police Department to have the dog impounded. The dog will be held for a period of 10 days. On the 11th day, the dog will be humanely destroyed if the owner can not show that he has complied with the above conditions. The Owner of the dog will be responsible for all costs. A dog whose owner can not be determined will be held for 15 days before being humanely destroyed.

This is your notification that the above described Dangerous Dog under your control is subject to the above conditions at this time.

HSC 822.044 Attack by a Dangerous Dog

(a) A person commits an offense if the person is the owner of a dangerous dog and the dog makes an unprovoked attack on another person outside the dog's enclosure and causes bodily injury to the other person.

(b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor, unless the attack causes serious bodily injury or death, in which event the offense is a Class A misdemeanor.

(c) If a person is found guilty of an offense under this section, the court may order the dangerous dog destroyed by a person listed in Section 822.003 HSC.

(d) in addition to criminal prosecution, a person who commits an offense under this section is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000.00. An attorney having civil jurisdiction in the Municipality where the offense occurred may file suit in a court of competent jurisdiction to collect the penalty. Penalties collected under this subsection shall be retained by the Municipality.

I hereby certify that I have informed and notified you by the following method:

_____ Certified Mail to your Home address.

_____ Delivering a copy of this notice in person.

Officer Riesel Police Department

This letter served to;

Name

DOB or DL#

Address Riesel, Texas, 76682

You may appeal this decision by filing a Motion with the Riesel Municipal Court not later than 15 days after receipt of this notice.