

Dangerous Animal Incident Timeline

May 16, 2022: The first attack on a City resident, causing injury.

May 25, 2022: The City's Animal Services staff designated the dog as dangerous.

June 8, 2022: The dog's owner was afforded an administrative hearing before an independent hearing officer, and she was provided notice and an opportunity to be heard. She submitted a written statement in support of her position, which was considered by the hearing officer.

June 15, 2022: Taking into account the evidence submitted by the City and the dog's owner, the hearing officer issued a decision, confirming the dog as dangerous and confirming keeping requirements for dangerous animals as provided by applicable law. The hearing officer's decision provided that those keeping requirements be met within 30 days of the notice of designating the animal as dangerous, consistent with applicable law. The owner had the right to appeal that decision to the California Superior Court, but she failed to timely file such appeal, thereby waiving her right to appeal.

July 15, 2022: The City's Animal Services staff conducted a compliance inspection and concluded that the owner failed to comply with the mandated keeping restrictions and impounded the dangerous animal. While the owner was bringing the animal to the City Animal Services vehicle, the owner lost control of the dog, and it attacked and bit an Elk Grove Police Officer who was on scene, causing injury.

August 15, 2022: A second administrative hearing was held before a different independent hearing officer concerning the alleged violations of the dangerous animal keeping requirements. The owner had notice and an opportunity to be heard at the administrative proceeding, and she was represented by her attorney at that proceeding.

September 6, 2022: Following receipt and review of evidence and argument by all sides, including written briefing by the parties, the second hearing officer concluded that the owner failed to comply with the mandated keeping restrictions and ordered the dangerous animal to be humanely euthanized. The City delayed euthanizing the animal to no earlier than September 16, 2022 to allow the owner time to pursue judicial remedies with the courts, should she wish to seek a stay the euthanasia order

September 14, 2022: The state court denied the owner's request for stay of the euthanasia order.

September 21, 2022: The state court dismissed a second lawsuit filed by the owner. Upon dismissal of the second case, the City agreed to a stipulated order staying euthanasia of the

dangerous animal until September 23, 2022, to allow the owner additional time to pursue further remedies, as she saw fit. The owner then filed a lawsuit in federal court.

September 22, 2022: The federal court initially granted a temporary restraining order preventing the animal's euthanasia until September 28, 2022, pending briefing from the parties.

September 28, 2022: The federal court issued a new order denying the owner's request for any further temporary restraining order.

October 6, 2022: The state court denied a request for release of the dog.

October 17, 2022: The state court denied a further request for release of the dog.

October 28, 2022: The state court denied the owner's request to set aside the dismissal in the case dismissed on September 21, 2022 (see entry above).

October 28, 2022: The dangerous animal known by its owner as Zeus was humanely euthanized by the City of Elk Grove consistent with a previously issued administrative order.