

October 07, 2023

Alexis Nguyen, Alex Nguyen, and Hoang Pham
10108 Caperock Canyon Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Re: Wild and Dangerous Animal Determination; Appeal Rights

On October 4 and 5, 2023, the owners' animal, a monkey known as "Momo," was at large and chased or approached a person in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, with an injury, in violation of Section 531-102 of the Revised Code of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis ("Revised Code").

Pursuant to Section 531-501 of the Revised Code, after an investigation, the administrator of the animal care services division of the Department of Business and Neighborhood Services has the authority to make the determination that an animal, based upon the factors listed under "dangerous animals" in Section 531-101 is dangerous or potentially dangerous and would pose a threat to public safety if returned to its owner.

Section 531-101 of the Revised Code defines a "dangerous animal" as one that is at a place other than its owner's or keeper's property and has chased or approached a person in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, which resulted in an injury to a person. For these reasons, it is determined the animal will not be returned to Alexis Nguyen, Alex Nguyen, or Hoang Pham.

Per section 531-501(f), if you wish to dispute this determination, the owner may within five (5) days after a determination that an animal is dangerous, bring a petition in this county seeking review of the determination. A decision by a court overturning the administrator shall result in the return of the animal to the owner subject to the provisions of section 531-733.

Sincerely,

Katie Trennepohl
Deputy Director Administrator, IACS