

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a character witness for River (Irka's dog) that I've known for over a year. River has always been friendly and behaved around my dog Xena and the neighbour's dog Onyx, even when our dogs are territorial around River. River is very friendly with our little street Hillside Ave. many of the neighbours are friendly with and pet River, he has never shown any aggression.

I understand that River accidentally got out of the RV and chased a cat, cornered it and bit it, dogs chase cats, if the cat is off its property it's a risk. As Dr Jeff Rocky Mountain Vet opined, it is dangerous for cats to be outside. They live longer and safer when they are kept inside or walked on a leash. It would be a shame to punish River for being a dog.

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