

Passionate Appeal: Fairness for Chewy, A Valued Community Dog

My name is Amanda, a neighbor residing on Scotia Road, and I am speaking out on behalf of Tim, Mai, and their dog, Chewy, who are active, well-loved members of the Fairgrounds community—a place we have all called home for eight years.

When my family (and our dog Bentley) first met Chewy four years ago, I must confess; his size and presence were daunting, especially when he would bark through the fence. We were fearful. But in a moment that perfectly illustrates the owners' character, Tim immediately stepped in. He noticed our apprehension and, without hesitation, leashed Chewy and brought him over specifically to reassure us.

And what a revelation that was! The supposedly "intimidating" dog was a gentle giant—calm, sweet, giving my Partner, Bentley and me a kind snuggle and a little kiss. Our initial fear was instantly erased. We had utterly misjudged him, proving the old adage about judging a book by its cover.

This is the true Chewy:

- He is known and loved by practically every child in this neighborhood, many of whom play with him regularly. I see this connection on my walks all the time.
- I have spoken to numerous neighbors, and they all share this experience. There is an overwhelming consensus in our community: **Chewy is not aggressive and poses no threat.**

The irony and profound unfairness of this situation must be acknowledged. For years, the complainant has allowed their own large dog (a grey Great Dane) to run freely, unleashed, throughout our neighborhood and onto people's private property. This habitual lack of responsibility is exactly what makes many people uneasy around dogs, particularly those of that size.

It is heartbreaking that it takes an incident to finally enforce responsible pet ownership on the complainant's part, and yet Chewy and his loving family are the ones being severely penalized.

The Order imposed on Tim and Mai is not only severe but fundamentally unjust because the situation was instigated and is widely viewed by our community as a major misunderstanding and an overreaction. We all know that mistakes happen, and accidents occur—that is part of life, for humans and animals alike.

In conclusion, Chewy is an incredibly friendly dog, a cornerstone of warmth and connection in our little corner of The Fairgrounds. We love seeing him every day with our Dog Bentley (See video and Photos attached). I sincerely hope you will look past the paperwork, understand Chewy's calm, friendly demeanor, and lift this punitive order on a family that has done so much to prove their dog is nothing to fear.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time and we can discuss the matter in further detail.

Sincerely,

Amanda Spada



