





# Town of West Tisbury

## Animal Control Department

on  
*The Island of Martha's Vineyard*  
West Tisbury, Massachusetts 02575  
508-684-8201

Anthony Cordray  
Animal Control Officer

7/21/2021

On Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at approximately 11:20 a.m. I received a call from Chief Mincone of the West Tisbury Police Department regarding a dog bite complaint. I was advised that a female was bit in the back of the leg on Dr. Fisher Road by a German Shepherd allegedly owned by a "Martha" at 53 Dr. Fisher Road. I am familiar with the alleged dogs as there is a current Selectpersons' order deeming one of the alleged dogs to be dangerous. I responded to the location and met with Lou Jordano, the reporting party, who advised me of the incident that took place. He stated his wife, Carolyn O'Brien, was bit on the rear upper thigh of her right leg. I then spoke with Ms. O'Brien who stated she was walking down Dr. Fisher Road towards Old County Road, heard something in the bushes, saw a German Shepard then felt something "wet" on the back of her leg and realized she was being bit by a dog. She then heard a female party call to the dog. The dog, identified as a "German Shepherd", then went back towards the female at the property identified as 53 Dr. Fisher Road. Ms. O'Brien refused any medical attention, I witnessed the location of the bite mark on her leg. After a brief discussion and description of the dog, I was able to identify the dog as "Stella", the dog currently deemed dangerous.

I then went to 53 Dr. Fisher Road and spoke with Ms. Martha Sullivan. She explained to me that was unloading her vehicle and Stella then ran down the driveway towards Dr. Fisher Road. She then heard the commotion and called for Stella to return. I asked about the order where the dog is to be leashed at all times, she seemed confused with my question. She advised that she didn't understand and didn't think that the dog needed to be leashed from the car to the house. I reiterated that order indicated that the dog be leashed at all times outside the enclosure. I then advised Ms. Sullivan that I would quarantining the dog in the West Tisbury kennel for ten (10) days per the law. I made this decision to take the dog as I felt Ms. Sullivan was unable to properly control Stella. I then had her place Stella in my truck and brought the dog to the kennel.

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On Tuesday, July 20, 2021 I was walking down the roadway from my rental home at 55b Dr. Fisher in West Tisbury at around 11 a.m.

Walking in the middle of the road, I saw through many bushes a large, dark brown animal moving quickly and quietly parallel with a house on my left. I kept walking, but heard loud barking and realized it was a German Shepard now coming through the bushes to the road. I turned around to head back toward my house, but the dog pursued me, biting me on my right rear hamstring. I screamed and before or after the bite I heard someone yell to the dog.

I kept walking back to my house and the dog returned to its yard.

Carolyn O'Brien

617-251-6921



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## CAD Incident Report #21021020

Incident Information			
Incident #		Incident Date	Call Taker
21021020		07/20/2021 11:20:59	sschofield
Incident Type		Description	Priority
CCACI ANIMAL CONTROL		DOG BITE	1
Ems Level	Alarm Level	Modified By	Modified Date
	1	sschofield	07/20/2021 11:39:54
Event Information			
Municipality		Business Name	
7 WEST TISBURY			
Fire Box		RA	
7		7	
Correct Location			
55B DR FISHER RD			
Street #	Street Name	Apartment #	Cross Street
55B	DR FISHER RD		
Near	Landmarks	Additional	
OLD COUNTY RD AND PINE HILL RD		ORIGINALLY 55B;SEGMENT ADDRESSES RANGE FROM 1 TO 85	
Reporting Person			
RP Name		RP Phone	How Received
LOU JORDANO		617-283-9621	RADIO
RP Address		Closed By	Date Closed
		sschofield	07/20/2021 11:54:41

## Incident Types

Dispatch Class	Incident Type
AMBULANCE	
FIRE/RESCUE	
LE STATION	
OTHER	
POLICE	ANIMAL CONTROL

## Note(s)

<b>Note Type</b>	<b>Entered By</b>	<b>User ID</b>
PAST INC	07/20/2021 11:22:02	auto
<b>Narrative Description</b>		
THERE ARE 2 PAST INCIDENTS AT 55B DR FISHER RD		
<b>Note Type</b>	<b>Entered By</b>	<b>User ID</b>
CALL-TKR	07/20/2021 11:22:48	sschofield
<b>Narrative Description</b>		
W13 ADV HE AND W75 ARE ENROUTE TO LOC FOR A REPORT OF A DOG BITE.		
<b>Note Type</b>	<b>Entered By</b>	<b>User ID</b>
CALL-TKR	07/20/2021 11:24:19	ssmithw
<b>Narrative Description</b>		
RP CALLED TO REPORT HIS WIFE WAS BIT BY SHEPARD OWNED BY 'MARTHA' RP ADV THEY ARE RENTING AND IT IS THE NEIGHBORS DOG FROM #53 DR FISHER		
<b>Note Type</b>	<b>Entered By</b>	<b>User ID</b>
CALL-TKR	07/20/2021 11:39:53	sschofield
<b>Narrative Description</b>		
W13 ADV NOW OFF AT 53 DR FISHER RD		
<b>Note Type</b>	<b>Entered By</b>	<b>User ID</b>
INFO	07/20/2021 11:55:04	sschofield
<b>Narrative Description</b>		
W75 HAS POSSESSION OF THE DOG		

## Officers and Units

CAD Units			
Agency Name	Unit ID	Personnel Id	Officer Name
WTPD	W13	437	GEBO, M
WTACO	W75	1890	CORDRAY, T

## Unit Statuses

CAD Units					
Unit ID	Status	Date/Time	Avail?	Location	Disp ID
W13	RESP	11:21:57	N		sschofield
W75	RESP	11:21:57	N		sschofield
W13	ONLOC	11:28:00	N		sschofield
W75	CLEAR	11:54:32	Y		sschofield
W13	CLEAR	11:54:41	Y		sschofield