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Mr. Gregory J. Anderson
Chief of Police, Village of Campton Hills
40W115 Campton Crossings Drive, Unit B
Campton Hills, Illinois 60175

Dear Chief Anderson:

My family members have been 23 year residents of Deer Run, an area that is now within the Village of Campton Hills. Our property adjoins a nature preserve, which includes common association and forest preserve property. Throughout the last few years, we and many of our neighbors have witnessed two dogs that have regularly run at large through this nature preserve and the surrounding properties. These dogs have always been seen as a pair and have been a recurring nuisance while they hunt in the common area and the surrounding properties.

I personally have witnessed these dogs carrying their prey, including a muskrat and groundhog. A couple of years ago a neighbor residing two doors from our property had a small Pug that was confined within an electric fence in its back yard. The Pug was attacked and killed by two dogs that appeared to be the pair of which I write. The neighbor's small children witnessed the attack.

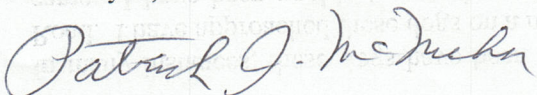
In many instances, these dogs have been seen returning with their prey to the east towards Denker Road. I have approached these dogs on a number of occasions in an effort to identify from where they came. I have been unable to get closer than about ten feet from them and have not succeeded in following them to their home. The dogs wear no collars or dog tags. I have been very frustrated is having been unable to find a solution to this recurring nuisance.

In the early morning of May 11, 2008, we heard the constant baying of a dog coming from the common property behind our home. We observed these two dogs in a marsh area with an animal at bay in the water. The trapped animal appeared to be an adult raccoon. The dogs continued to harass the raccoon, disturbing the neighborhood with their incessant barking for well over three hours.

I called your department and Officer Reichardt responded and witnessed the continuing disturbance.

I recognize that a call of this nature can not be considered as a top priority for police. However, I am very pleased to inform you that Officer Reichardt demonstrated a genuine interest in our concern and took the appropriate action which resulted in his locating the home of these dogs at 39W348 Bolcum Avenue. Officer Reichardt kept us informed of the his progress while investigating our complaint and took action to assure that the owners would be contacted by the next shift of the Campton Hills police to prevent a recurrence of these dogs roaming freely.

Thank you,



Patrick J. McMahon

CC.: Mayor Patsy Smith