

Town Clerk

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To: Covert Town Clerk; town.clerk@romulustown.com; townclerk@lodiny.com; Cathy Kerns
Subject: November 2023, Some December 2023 DCO report

10/29/23: was called by state troopers to assist with a lizard transport in Fayette at a condemned house, to a house in Romulus. Went to pick up 2 lizards and we found 3 lizards, 2 ball pythons, 2 hairless Guinea pigs, and a turtle still at the premises, that had been there 4-5 days with no heat or food. I picked up the lizards for transport to romulus, as well as the other remaining animals, as I could not leave them in a house with no heat that was structurally unsound. The largest lizard, a blue tongued skink was gifted to the South Seneca agricultural class (I gave her a spare tank I had). The turtle was taken to Beverly's. The snakes and Guinea pigs were brought to my house where one Guinea pig passed away, presumably from lack of nutrition later that night. The remaining Guinea pig will hopefully be going to a forever home by the end of December. One snake has also been rehomed and the remaining albino snake I will be keeping as a pet (she likes me.). Thankfully the 20 tarantulas that were in the home had been picked up by Beverly's when the home was initially condemned (thank God, I'm not a spider person and would have made the troopers handle them lol).

11/1/23: received a complaint about a rabbit being kept outdoors on West Seneca St in Ovid and concern about its health. Caller did not have an exact address. Drove W. Seneca St twice trying to locate a rabbit in a cage in a side yard and had no luck.

11/3/23: call regarding a kitten trapped in an engine compartment. Located the car behind Italian kitchen and spoke with the cashier there. It was her car. We spent 10 minutes trying to coax the kitten out while waiting for a floor jack to get under the car. One of the cooks came out and was able to reach the kitten from the top of the engine. Thankfully kitten was not harmed or injured during its ride to Italian kitchen and owner of the car took it home.

11/5/23: call for a dog running through fields on Vineyard rd in Romulus. Drive Vineyard rd, and roads surrounding that area, but was unable to locate the dog.

11/10/23: call from the 911 center to assist and pick up a dog in Lodi, for a dog bite. Victim was the dogs owner and was bit in the face. She was transported to Strong via Ambulance. Sheriffs department requested me to pick up the dog and transport it to Beverly's for the 10 day quarantine, due to them not feeling safe leaving the dog in the home with young kids. No one is sure what triggered the bite. Owners boyfriend said the dog may be ok in a kennel in my van, and the sheriffs told them that they would need to transport due to my kids being in the van. Owners boyfriend followed me to the shelter and we secured the dog for the night.

11/11/23 spoke with Beverly's regarding the dog and the situation. They said they would reach out to the owner in a couple days to see what their wishes were after the quarantine.

Received a call from Cindy Ferris about a dog she found in the middle of the road on West Blaine Rd. When she opened her door to move it out of the road, he jumped in her truck. She brought him to me. (Transported to Beverly's on 11/13/23).

11/12/23: received a call and Email from Humane Society of Schuyler County. They sent pics of a dog that was found on 414, near the Lodi/ Hector border. Shared pictures and info to my page, in hopes the owner would see it.

11/20/23: update from Beverly's on dog bite dog. Owners stated they wanted the dog euthanized after the quarantine, and Beverly's explained they could do that, but the owners would have to pay the fees for it. Owners never returned to Beverly's, nor paid the fees for the Euthanasia.

11/21/23: call for 2 dogs running at large on County Rd 143 in Covert. Drove both directions on 143 and was unable to locate the dogs.

11/23/23: dog found on County Rd 139 in Ovid. Owner reached out and picked up the dog and licensed him with Cathy the same day.

11/24/23: received 2 calls about a dog running loose on Cayuga St. Upon arrival I stopped at the owner Mrs. H. Hamiltons home to see if Mr. Magoo had returned home. She said no. I told her I would stop by if I caught him. She stated if I did, she would punch me in the face. I told her ok, I would take him to the shelter. Upon leaving her driveway, I went down Lakeview st and saw the dog in my mirror. I turned around and opened my door and the dog jumped in. Mrs Hamilton was trying to call the dog to her, at the corner but he was following my van before I turned around. After I caught the dog she stood in the middle of the road yelling at me. I backed up and turned around and she came up and grabbed my door handle on my passenger door. I locked the door, as I had my kids with me and she was screaming and swearing at me. I told her to Step away from my vehicle and she could pick up the dog at Beverly's. She refused and called the sheriffs dept to assist. I explained to the State trooper upon his arrival that she wouldn't let go of my van and was scaring me kids. He told her to step away. He explained she could pick up the dog at the shelter and I followed him there. Mrs Hamilton was angry, when she got to the shelter, but I didn't feel safe turning the dog over to her. Last time Mr. Magoo was picked up in April, he also went to the shelter.

Received another rabbit complaint, from Penny. She told me the address again this time stating it was the apartment next to the dentist office on East Seneca St. I went to the apartment, and spoke with the owner. The owner allowed me to see the rabbit, which is in a rabbit hutch, not a wire cage. Rabbit had food and fresh water as well as fresh grass. Suggested maybe putting straw in the bottom level, and she stated she is working on making room for her on the enclosed porch. Rabbit looks very healthy and shows no signs of distress.

11/28/23: received another call from Penny, I explained that the rabbit hutch is perfectly acceptable for the rabbit and that the owner will be moving her inside soon. She stated the plastic on the cage had come off and the owner wasn't home. I told her I would stop up as soon as Toni got off the bus. Stopped up about 6:45pm and the owner had fixed the plastic over the cage as soon as she had gotten home from work. Told the owner if she needed help moving it inside to feel free to call me.

12/6/23: another complaint from Penny regarding the rabbit she stayed she spoke to my superior in Auburn and he said I am an animal control officer and that I'm not doing my job. I explained that the department I work under is based out of Syracuse and the person I work with is female. She stated she would give me his number and name and never did. She was very irate, stating I'm not doing my job and screaming over phone. She complained about the rabbit's water being frozen and I asked her if she was sure, because the temperatures had gone up through the day.

11/7/23: Penny called and she stated was filing a formal complaint against me, and that I was not doing my job. She took the plastic off the rabbit hutch, and I went up and covered it with a tarp. Tried making contact with the owner, but she was sleeping at that point. The owner called the sheriff's department the next day to have Penny trespassed from her property. Penny wants the rabbit and the owner has told her no, it belongs to her grandson. I extended my offer to the owner again to assist if she needed help moving the hutch inside.

Jamie Lynn