

letter to neighbors about dog



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Sitting beside Solomon on the wet and freezing grass on Monday night was the lowest I've felt in years. Both Rhonda and I have been on the losing side of a dog tragedy more than once and we believe it to be one of the worst feelings ever. I cannot express to you how sorry I am...how sorry we both are. What happened is surprising and unusual to us. All three of our dogs are very docile creatures, despite being loud barkers at times. None of them has ever bitten a human or randomly attacked another animal. All three of our dogs have been noticeably distraught ever since Monday. So have their parents. They're not used to this type of thing and neither are we.

Giving some background on Chloe may help explain what went on. She was run over when she was six months old and had a steel rod put in her leg. She's ten now and has walked with a limp for most of her life. Over the years I have noticed that her disability causes her to feel uneasy at times, initially hypersensitive to strangers and protective of herself. If she came across an unexpected visitor in the middle of the night, it wouldn't be surprising for her to become alarmed and afraid.

Together Rhonda and I have been wracking our brain to identify what might be an appropriate response for us. We still don't know, but want your family to know that if there is anything we can do to make a horrible situation better, we are interested. And though Solomon and our family didn't officially don't know each other, he is very important to us. We are committed to paying for all of his medical bills.

We've also met with the Dog Warden and are thinking through what preventative measures we can undertake to avoid situations like this in the future. For now, we are committed to keeping the dogs inside during times that would be helpful to you (e.g. when your children are waiting for the bus, coming home, etc). Please let us know when those times are.

Again, I can't express how sad and sorry we are. Please let us know how much the medical bills were and anything else we can do.

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