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Chicagoland Suburb Considers Muzzling Laws For Dangerous Dogs

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Who hasn't walked down the street to be greeted by a sneer from an aggressive dog?

Sure the sneers are unsettling and most of the time they are relatively harmless. But, what happens when the sneering dog makes a dash and yanks the leash from an unsuspecting dog owner?

Hopefully, not much. However, when dogs with violent propensities get away from the control of their owners disastrous consequences can ensue if the dog attacks a person.

Now, a Chicago-area suburb is considering a law that would protect people who encounter a situation involving an aggressive dog that gets off-leash.

The Deerfield village board is considering a new law that would require owners to muzzle dogs that have bitten other animals or people when the dogs are off the owner's property--- but within the confines of the village.

No word on how officials plan would enforce the new law, but the proposal would make Deerfield very unique as very few municipalities have muzzle laws to control dogs. Most municipalities currently have leash laws that require dogs to be on leashes any time they are off the owner's property.

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While the new muzzle law proposal sounds extreme, as a [personal injury lawyer](#) who has witnessed the severe injuries caused by aggressive dogs, I support this proposal as I hope it reduces incidence of [dog attacks](#) and [dog bites](#).

The Deerfield village board will likely consider this proposal sometime in 2011. You can count on the [Child Injury Law Blog](#) to keep you posted on any updates in this area of [animal control law](#).

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