



Raymore Police Department

Chief of Police, Kristofer P. Turnbow

September 8, 2009

Mrs. Cindy Wesner & Family

~~1234 567890~~

Raymore, Mo 64083

Dear Mrs. Wesner,

I wanted to express how sorry I am over the loss of your family pet. Having had a number of pets over the years I know how attached we become to them, especially one that has been in the family for as many years as your pet was.

The police department is often called upon to handle animal complaints. In this instance, our officers were called to a residence on a report of a cat acting aggressively towards a child. When our officers arrived they found an animal that by its actions and appearance was assumed to be a diseased, feral cat. You mentioned in our conversation that your pet suffered from a number of ailments, which probably compounded the issue, along with the fact that our officers had no means in which to identify who, if anyone, the animal belonged to.

Based on the totality of the circumstances, the shift commander directed our officer to euthanize the cat. As for the final disposition of your pet let me say that I too would have preferred a different method. Last spring we implemented a protocol in which our animal control personnel would hold deceased animals at our animal control facility until such time as they could be transferred to Wayside Waifs, where they would be cremated. Unfortunately, this practice was not fully known by our patrol personnel, and without any further guidance on the matter, disposed of the cat as they have always done. For that, I apologize.

Again, I am sorry for the loss of your family pet, and it is regrettable that the circumstances in this case dictated the outcome. If you would like to visit further about this incident, please feel free to stop by or call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RRM".

Capt. Roger R. Mayberry
Acting Chief of Police