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| CHECKLIST FOR DOGS WITH HISTORY OF AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR | **Done** |
| **ASSESSMENT**  |   |
| **The Dog** |  |
| Dog’s size and age |  |
|  Spend time with the dog (if safe) |  |
| **Background and History (**Conversations +/- surveys with former caretakers (owners, fosters)) |   |
|  Bite history other than this incident? |  |
|  Does the dog have a known home history (positive, negative, unknown)?  |  |
|  Does hte dog have a history of add’l bhr or med concerns in addition to this incident?  |  |
|  If history unavailable and behavior only observed in shelter, send to foster home for behavior obs, if safe |  |
| **The Bite**  |  |
| Sustained or uninterruptible bite? |  |
| Head, neck, or torso apparently purposefully bitten?  |  |
| Did the dog redirect their aggressive behavior and bite their owner/handler? |  |
| **Circumstances** |  |
| Warning signals before bite or signs of significant stress or overarousal?  |  |
| Was the bite a response to a reasonable threat?  |  |
| Was the bite related to overarousal or severe stress that could be mitigated in a home environment? |  |
|  Did the dog forcibly escape the handler or home to bite the target?  |   |
| **Mitigating Factors** |  |
| Has a physical examination been done? Are there any medical conditions that may have contribute to the dog’s bhr?  |  |
|  Does the person who was bitten have fragile skin (age, medical condition)? |  |
|  Was the bite accidental (play, breaking up dog fight) |   |
| **Organization Capacity** |  |
|  Does your organization’s capacity to support this dog and safely place it in a home |  |
|  Can you provide the dog with good quality of life while waiting for a home or foster?  |   |
|  Will caring for this dog compromise human or other animal safety or welfare?  |  |
| **Other Considerations** |  |
|  Gather feedback from shelter staff and volunteers about dog |   |
|  Consult with a CAAB, aCAAB, or DACVB when uncertain about placement |   |
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| **ADOPTION**  |  |
|  Identify home characteristics, if any, that are unacceptable for this dog  |   |
|  Identify home characteristics that are most suitable for this dog |   |
|  Provide adoption counseling about steps needed to support the dog and ensure safety |   |
|  Document what information was communicated to adopters |   |
|  Adopter signs adoption agreement |   |
|  Adopter signs form that acknowledges awareness of the dog's behavior |   |
|  Adopter is provided with written information about the dog's history and behavior |   |
|  Adopter receives information to support dog (e.g., documents) |   |
|  Adopter understands where and how to get post-adoption support |   |
|  Organization follows up with adopter (short and long term) to provide support and determine outcome |   |
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| **TRANSFER OR SANCTUARY** |   |
|  Evaluate the transfer partner (shelter, sanctuary or rescue) |   |
|  Evaluate whether transfer partner can meet the needs of the dog you are considering sending |   |
|  Contact other shelters and rescue partners, IF another organization has the capacity to adopt out the dog and keep people safe |   |
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| **POSSIBLE EUTHANASIA** |   |
|  Contact previous caretakers (adopters, fosters, volunteers) to inform of dog's at-risk status and make sure they aren't able to adopt the dog and keep people safe |   |
|  Contact staff and volunteer to inform of dog's at-risk status and allow them opportunity to search for alternative outcomes (if safe to do) |   |
|  Contact other shelters and rescue partners, IF another organization has the capacity to adopt out the dog and keep people safe |   |
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| **EUTHANASIA** |   |
|  Notify staff and volunteers of decision, reasons for decision, when euthanasia will happen |   |
|  Provide staff and volunteers with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss decision (meeting is best) |   |
|  Provide time to say goodbye to people who are special friends of the dog  |   |
|  Implement a plan for caring and humane euthanasia |   |
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