

SAMPLE EMAIL - SAVE SERGEANT SNUGGLES

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Subject: Please Give Snuggles a Second Chance - Release Him to His Family

Dear Prosecutor Worman, Supervising Prosecutor Merritt, Pima County Attorney's Office, Mayor Romero, and Supervisor Kasmar,

I am writing to you today as a concerned citizen on behalf of a family in Pima County who is desperately fighting to bring their dog home before it is too late.

Snuggles is a young Anatolian Shepherd who has been held at Pima Animal Care Center since October following a single bite incident that occurred when he was just 9 months old. His family has not been allowed to see him this entire time. They have reportedly spent thousands of dollars fighting for him in court, lost on appeal, and are now filing another appeal on their own with no money left.

Here is what we are told happened. Snuggles is an Anatolian Shepherd, a large livestock guardian breed that is naturally protective and highly alert, especially on their own property. At the time of the incident, he had reportedly not eaten or slept properly for nearly a week. There was a female dog in heat on the property, other dogs were outside the secured fence, and wildlife was nearby. He was on extreme high alert when the owner's mother unexpectedly tapped and startled him. He reportedly reacted with two quick bites and stopped the moment he realized he was biting a human.

The owner's mother was treated and released the same day. She did not press charges. She has said she believes she startled him, that she contributed to what happened, and she wants him back home.

Advocates note that an Anatolian Shepherd has one of the largest bite forces of any dog breed. The fact that Snuggles stopped himself the moment he realized who he had bitten shows he was not acting out of aggression, but out of fear and stress under extreme circumstances. Dogs in similar situations are often given a second chance under strict release conditions.

Euthanasia is final. This family believes their puppy does not deserve to die for one mistake made under extraordinary circumstances, and so do I.

I am respectfully asking your offices to please consider a conditional release so Snuggles can go home to the family that loves him. Please do not let this dog die for one mistake.

Thank you for your time and for your service to Pima County.

Sincerely,

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Petition: <https://tinyurl.com/2byk7ye2>

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