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Expecting a Delivery? Local Leaders Urge Securing Your Dog to Protect Delivery Drivers

Recent activity creates the need for public awareness.

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CHILLICOTHE, MO, November 4, 2026– Following recent incidents in which delivery drivers were attacked by dogs, the Livingston County Health Center, Livingston County Sheriff's Office, and Livingston County Commission are joining together to encourage residents to take simple precautions to prevent future attacks.

Because deliveries may arrive when no one is home, residents are encouraged to make sure dogs cannot access delivery areas whenever a package or service visit is expected.

Dogs are part of everyday life for many Livingston County families, particularly in rural areas where they may spend much of their time outdoors. Even a friendly, well-behaved dog can react unexpectedly when an unfamiliar person approaches its home or property.

Whether it's a package, groceries, or a food delivery, the person bringing it to your home deserves to complete their work safely. A few simple precautions can make a meaningful difference.

When expecting a delivery, please:

Secure your dog indoors or in a safe, enclosed area away from the driveway, porch, or delivery location.

Check gates and doors to make sure your dog cannot reach the delivery driver.

Don't assume your dog won't bite. Even friendly dogs can become protective or frightened when approached by someone unfamiliar.

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Plan ahead. If your dog cannot be safely separated from the delivery area, arrange an alternative drop-off location or pickup.

These precautions also help protect mail carriers, utility workers, emergency responders, and others who provide important services throughout our county.

Dog attacks can cause serious injuries, emotional trauma, and the need for medical treatment and rabies exposure evaluation. Preventing bites also protects pets and their owners from the complications that can follow an incident.

Keeping our community safe is a shared responsibility. Taking a few moments to secure your dog can help prevent an injury and protect the people who serve our county every day.

Expecting a delivery? Plan ahead. Secure your dog. Help prevent a bite.

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