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Swan Killed by Unleashed Dog at Yanney Park

“Ike” the Swan was attacked and killed by an unleashed dog during the morning of June 5 at Yanney Park. Ike and his female mate, “Tina”, were on the island in the south section of the lake protecting their nest when the dog crossed the water and attacked.

As a reminder to the public City Code, Article 8-1307 and Article 8-1401 state the following: “No owner shall fail to exercise proper care and control of his/her animals or allow them to become a public nuisance.” All dogs shall be kept under restraint at all times by their owner, or owners, and shall not be permitted off the premises or property of the owner unless under the control of a competent person. Park and Recreation rules state: “No person shall hitch, fasten, lead, drive or let loose any animal of any kind in a city park. Dogs shall be permitted if they are kept on a leash by a cord or chain, except for certified assistance dogs or in areas specifically designated for pet exercise or training such as the Meadowlark Hills Dog Park.” The City of Kearney Park and Recreation Department will continue monitoring the remaining female swan. A decision with regards to Ike’s replacement is being considered with consultation from zoo officials.

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