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April 14, 2014

Date Complaint Received:	3/21/14
Complaint Received By:	Joni Duffy
Provider Name and Location:	Kari McCutcheon, 505 E Broadway St, Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533

Complaint: Dog bite to day care child in Kari's home

Rule Basis: Chapter 237A or 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110.5(9)a Gives careful supervision at all times.

Findings: On 3/21/2014, a concern came in on a dog bite at Kari's home. It was unclear if it was a bite or a scratch. The child's mother called it a bite. Kari referred to it as a scratch. This worker went to the home with Becky Barrett several times throughout the day, but could not catch them home. Becky was finally able to meet with them later that night. This worker spoke with Kari by phone. Kari states the dog was playing with the little girl, the dog was not mad or being mean. Kari states the dog just accidently scratched the child while they were playing. There were areas of the home that needed some attention, the yard and the back porch that this worker noted and took pictures of.

Resolution: Kari agreed to sign a safety plan that the dog would not be around the day care children. Kari agreed that the dog would not be on the property during the hours that day care children were in her home. Kari agreed to no longer provide child care until this situation was resolved and she was given permission by DHS to provide care.

If you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact me at 515-573-1640 or email address [jduffy1@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:jduffy1@dhs.state.ia.us).

Sincerely,

Joni Duffy  
Social Worker