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Friendswood woman died of dog attack, medical examiner says

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The Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office confirmed today that a dog attack was the cause of a Friendswood's woman's death on Friday.

Pamela Rushing's stepson, Bendel Rushing, said the dog killed by police was a Catahoula Bulldog named Cowboy. The dog had belonged to Pamela Rushing's mother, who passed away earlier this year. The dog is a cross between an American Bulldog and a Louisiana Catahoula Leopard dog.

Landscapers discovered her body about 5:45 p.m. Friday in the backyard of her home in the 300 block of Meadow Trail.

The landscapers saw the body in a pool of blood in her patio area. But they were unable to enter her yard because three aggressive dogs kept them out, said Lisa Price of the Friendswood Police Department. They alerted a neighbor, who called police.

One of the responding officers shot and killed a dog that tried to attack him, Price said. She said officers managed to capture the other two dogs — a golden retriever and a large dog of undetermined breed — but not before one escaped the fenced-in yard and ran loose in the Forest of Friendswood subdivision for about 30 minutes. The animal was cornered in a neighboring backyard and shot with a Taser by an officer, Price said.

The two other dogs are in the custody of Friendswood Animal Control.

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