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(WBZ) ASHLAND An elderly Ashland woman was mauled in her home by one of her own show dogs.

Police say 77-year-old Shirley Schlager was treated for serious injuries after being attacked by one of her five blue terriers.

Schlager was found covered in blood after she escaped the attack and called 9-1-1. She told the operator one of her dogs had torn her to pieces.

"You could hear several dogs barking in the house," said Officer Robert MacQuarrie, who put on his leather coat and gloves as protection from potential dog bites as he arrived on scene.

"Most of the blood was in the kitchen but it was all over the house. I think once the dog attack occurred she still wanted to separate the dogs," said MacQuarrie.

Animal Control Officer Cheryl Rudolph went to the home to corral the 45-pound Kerry blue terrier.

"He was not aggressive towards us last night. He was more nervous and scared than anything else. He knew what he did," said Rudolph.

Schlager's son, who helps his mother breed the dogs, said she might have been hurt trying to break up a fight between the terriers.

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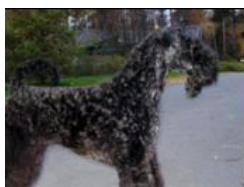
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