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Chickens Killed In Attack

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The News-Dispatch

UNION MILLS - A woman returning from work last Thursday found what could be described as a scene from a horror movie near a barn at her Union Mills home when she saw some 16 slaughtered chickens spread throughout her property.

Chris Wheaton told La Porte County sheriff's deputies that she saw the carnage - including an injured and hobbling duck - as she walked back to a barn on her property.

While walking, she saw her neighbor's Siberian husky in the yard. She turned to run to her house when the dog ran after her. Instead of continuing on to the house, however, she stopped and called the dog to her.

The animal approached her wagging its tail and sniffing her hand. The woman said the dog was not aggressive toward her. She locked the dog inside the barn and called police.

The dog's owner, Melvin R. Williamson, told police he'd been told by a neighbor that the dog had broken free of its chain and was running loose. He was looking for the dog when he saw a sheriff's car at Wheaton's home and figured they were there for the dog.

The man told police the dog was not aggressive and never "went after" anyone or anything.

Wheaton, who asked police not to take the dog, said she couldn't account for 20 additional chickens and five ducks.

The dog's owner was cited for a dog running at large, a dog not being licensed and for his dog not being vaccinated.

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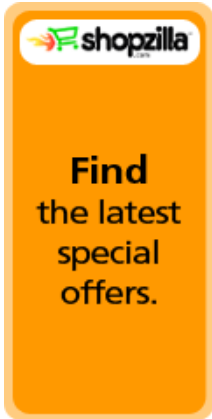
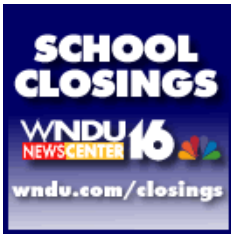
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