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Man Dumps Dog After It Attacks, Humane Society Says

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COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa -- A local humane society said a dog owner abandoned his dog in a rural area near Lake Manawa after it attacked another dog.



The Nebraska Humane Society said Aurelio Vazquez-Sanches left his dog -- an Akita -- in his yard near 35th and J streets and it attacked a Maltese that was on a leash in its own yard. That dog suffered severe injuries.

 **Video: Dog Dumped**

"That dog shouldn't have ever been loose," a neighbor who witnessed the attack told KETV NewsWatch 7. "It's loose all the time. Every evening, through everybody's yards. He just ran over there and attacked him."

"The Maltese suffered serious injuries. We're told it might have to have a leg amputated," said NHS Vice President Mark Langan.

Afterward, the Humane Society said, Vazquez-Sanches dropped his dog off in a rural area. Officers said they tracked Vazquez-Sanches down and cited him on suspicion of several charges, including animal cruelty.

Officers said that catching a suspect in animal abandonment cases is rare.

"The owner told us that he was simply tired of the problems that the dog was causing, and that's why he took him in the middle of the country and dumped the dog," Langan said. "Dumping the dog in the middle of the country like that, forcing the dog to survive on its own, endangering people that may come up on the dog in the middle of the country like that -- totally unacceptable, and that's why he was cited by us for numerous animal-control charges and by the Council Bluffs Police Department."

Langan said owners who no longer want their pets should contact a veterinarian or an animal shelter.

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