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"Jackie"

RUSH COUNTY Ind. - A dog attack in Rush County ended with a former commissioner shooting the animal multiple times. But the shooting happened almost two weeks after the attack.

The shooting happened over the summer. The dog was shot in the street by a man who, according to police, did not have a gun permit. No charges were never filed.

"I just don't understand the reason why to shoot somebody, to shoot somebody's pet," dog owner Drew Durbin said.

A 3-year old Jack Russell Terrier, named Jackie, survived after being shot three times. But she did lose a leg in the process.

"She actually got shot one once here in the snout, once here in the leg, once in the lower bones," Durbin said.

The wounds healed weeks ago but the family is still bothered by what happened. They want former County Commissioner Lowell Angle to pay for what he did.

Mr. Angle says he's been riding his bike up and down these country roads for years. One day the dog ran into the road, grabbed his paint leg and caused him to crash. He says he injured his shoulder. He says he came back two weeks later and shot the dog three times.

"This one is a picture of Jackie after her leg was amputated and as you can see it still has the stitches in it," Family friend Cathy Koch said.

Two not for profit agencies covered the cost of the surgeries. The family wants Lowell Angle to pay them back. But no legal action has been taken.

Angle declined to talk to 24-Hour News 8 on camera. Off camera he told us he has every right to ride his bike wherever he wants and the dog never should have been allowed to run in the street.

Lowell Angle told us legally he didn't do anything wrong. According to our news gathering partners at the Rushville Republican, the Sheriff's department agrees. In fact a deputy told the family that they had no legal recourse because the dog was in the road when angle shot it.

Our call to the prosecutor's office was not returned. The family is looking into the possibility of a civil suit.



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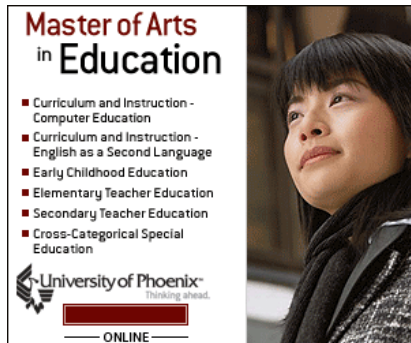
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