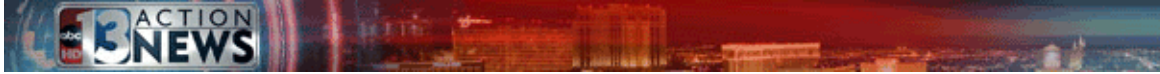


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Two Dogs Involved In Attack To Be Put Down

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Some closure for the family of the boy who was attacked by a vicious dog.

Charlie Lombardo needed 152 stitches in his face after he was mauled by a boxer last week.

Action News anchor Casey Smith explains what happened at an Animal Advisory Committee meeting.

The committee upheld animal control's decision that the boxer named Hitman is vicious, which means its days are definitely numbered.

"I request that both dogs be put down, especially the Hitman, I know that he was an ex - fighting dog, there is no rehabilitating him, " explained Charlie's mom, Della Lombardo.

A mother pleaded with the powers that be to keep her kids and neighborhood safe.

Della Lombardo's son Charlie has a face full of stitches, but he is healing.

His mom and some of the neighbors are making sure it does not happen again.

"In my 10 years experience with vicious animals, these dogs definitely need to be put down," said Terry Killian who witnessed the attack.

The Animal Advisory committee did not need much convincing after that.

"I feel sorry for these dogs and I think that they should be put down because the owners were not responsible. But in the big picture I think we should hold the people accountable," said committee member Alfredo Rivera.

It was unanimous vote the boxer and the pit bull that was running with him will both be put down, pending an appeal.

The decision is helping the family's healing process, but they are not letting their guard down.

"We have communicated and I do believe that they are sorry. I do not want to see more dogs in their backyard," said Della Lombardo.

The dog owners were late to the meeting and did not get to defend their animals, but the Lombardo's say they have talked to them and they are not going to fight the decision.

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