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Dogs shot in Marlboro after attack on sheep

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A baby lamb was killed and two adult sheep were injured this morning when a pair of Shepherd mix dogs attacked them at 255 Tennent Road, authorities said.

The property owner, Mark Maurer, used a 12 gauge shotgun to kill one of the dogs and wound the other, said Victor "Buddy" Amato, the chief of police for the Monmouth County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, who investigated the matter.

The incident occurred about 7:30 a.m. when Maurer heard the lamb's bleating and saw the dogs attacking the animals, Amato said.

The dogs belonged to Linda and Albert Adams of 27 Station Road in the Morganville section, Amato said.

Marlboro Animal Control Officer Anthony Lema said the dogs' owners will be issued summonses for letting the animals run at large.

Amato said the shooting by Maurer was justified.

"His property is farm assessed and as such he's justified in shooting the dogs to protect his livestock," Amato said.

Maurer, the livestock owner, said he had seven sheep on his property. The dogs killed one lamb and injured another two adult sheep, he said.

Maurer declined further comment.

"I'll let the police reports speak for themselves," he said.

Albert Adams, one of the dogs' owners, said he planned to apologize to Maurer and wanted to make restitution for the damages.

The wounded dog was taken to Garden State Veterinary Hospital in Tinton Falls, Amato said.
