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## Huskies Accused Of Killing Dog Released *Owner Filed Suit Challenging Broward Dog Ordinance*

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**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** -- Four Siberian huskies that faced possible euthanasia in connection with the death of another dog were released from the county's custody on Friday, according to the dogs' owner and her attorney.

Four of Julie Roberts' five Siberian huskies were accused of participating in an attack that left Tinkerbell, a neighbor's terrier, dead in Plantation. Officials took Roberts' dogs away on Aug. 25.

Under Broward County's dangerous dog ordinance, if a dog is involved in an attack or killing of another dog, it can be put down after that first incident. The measure is much stricter than Florida state law.

Bobbie Weinstein of South Florida Siberian Husky Rescue, Inc., said the ordinance is "unfair."

Roberts filed a lawsuit to try to overturn the Broward County ordinance, which she claimed is unconstitutional.

Apparently, Roberts and Broward County reached a compromise. An order signed by a Broward County judge released the dogs from their death sentence and allowed them to go home with Roberts.

In return, Roberts will drop her lawsuit contesting the county ordinance, Local 10's Julie Summers reported.

"Our lawsuit challenging the validity and constitutionality of the dangerous dog ordinance will end with this settlement, but the question as to whether or not the new ordinance is legal, I am confident, will go on in one way or another," said Jason Wandner, Roberts' attorney.

Under the agreement, Roberts also must keep her dogs muzzled when they are in public because, from now on, they are deemed dangerous. As such, the dogs cannot return to Roberts' home in Miramar because the yard, which borders a lake, is not fenced in. Roberts has the dogs at another family home in Miami-Dade County. The home in Miramar is up for sale, and Roberts said she plans to join the dogs as soon as possible.

After a long separation, Roberts enjoyed a tearful reunion with her Siberian huskies on Friday.

"It's hard to express," Roberts said. "I'm obviously overwhelmed with emotion and excited and happy that my family will be back together."

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