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Dogs Attack, Kill Chihuahua

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INDEPENDENCE, Mo. -- Two dogs attacked and killed a family's Chihuahua on Monday, authorities said.

Animal Control officers took the dogs -- an American bull dog and a chow/Labrador mix that each weighed more than 100 pounds -- and planned to hold them until a decision was made about what to do with them.

The attack happened outside a home on East 34th Street South near South Crackerneck Road.

Chris Keightley witnessed the killing.

"My dog was going crazy, so I looked out the window, and these two dogs had this dog like a chew toy, just fighting over it, and it was real gruesome," Keightley said.

The owners of the bull dog and chow mix lived on South Peck Circle and said the dogs had been in their fenced yard but got out through an open gate.

Authorities gave the owners citations and they were expected to appear in court in 10 days.

The Chihuahua, named Amigo, was a gift from Jose Calderone to his wife.

"To be honest with you, I don't know what to say," Calderone said. "I'm kind of like in shock that he ran out and this happened."

The family considered the dog a friend, he said.

"We also have this Lab that, they used to play together, and now that he's gone, my Lab is also kind of sad about it," Calderone said.

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