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Family dog killed by two boxers

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Lawton_A Lawton family's dog has been killed, and neighbors say the city won't do anything about it. One neighbor says two boxers living on the other side of the privacy fence mauled the maltese poodle, Zoe. Animal control says the dog crawled into the other yard, but the owners say the hole is too small and so the victim must have been pulled under.

According to neighbors in Turtle Creek, it isn't the first attack by the dogs. Three different families in the neighborhood say they've been victims of these dogs. They say something needs to be done about it now, before anyone, or anyone else's pet, gets hurt.

Cherie Lail lives two doors down from where the two boxers live. "I'm just really concerned that now that these dogs have had a taste of blood and death - that it's just going to get out of hand. And it could be somebody's child," she says. "The general consensus is that the dogs are dangerous. And, it's obvious from the incident that occurred yesterday that they are vicious dogs."

The maid service saw the attack on little Zoe by the two boxers telling Karen Reed, the boxer's owner. "One of them came over and she said, 'Your dogs killed the neighbor's next door,' Reed says. "And I said, 'Huh? How?' She said, 'In your backyard.' She said, 'Their dog got into your backyard and your dogs killed it.'"

According to neighbors, this isn't the first time the dogs have tried to hurt someone. "They came after my son and my daughter when they were out playing, one day, and they both had to run in the house to stay away from them," says Lail.

Reed says her dogs aren't dangerous. "Big babies, honestly...but protective in their own yard, very protective in their own yard," she says. And, Reed says she's sorry for the loss. "I told them I felt bad about it but she didn't believe me."

But, neighbors aren't taking any chances. "We've called animal control on these dogs at least two times and were told by the animal control officers that since they did not witness the dogs out, nor did they witness the dogs in any aggressive manner towards my children or any other dogs in the neighborhood, there wasn't anything they could do about it," Lail says.

Animal Control says in order for them to do anything, a citizen's complaint form must be completed. Then, they can take it to the city prosecutor for a formal investigation. And, in July, the city passed an ordinance against any vicious animal that attacks - or even chases - a person.

Under the new ordinance, if found guilty, an owner can be punished with a \$750 fine and up to 60 days in jail.



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