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Town Council Votes Dog Off Of Palm Beach Island

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**PALM BEACH, Fla.** -- A 65-pound dog accused of terrorizing South Florida residents has been voted off of Palm Beach island.

The Town of Palm Beach voted Tuesday afternoon to ban Duke, a Rhodesian Ridgeback, from the island after he allegedly attacked several other dogs over the last several years.

Vivian Dorris said that her quest to have the dog removed from the area began when Duke attacked and mauled her beagle Charlie two months ago on County Road.

"Then, all of a sudden, the Rhodesian Ridgeback called Duke just latched onto his backside and it was just really, really, scary," Dorris told WPBF News 25.

Charlie suffered severe puncture wounds and had to receive 60 staples on his backside.

The pup still has two surgeries and weeks of recovery to go, Dorris told WPBF.

"It was so severe an attack that Animal Care and Control said it was the worst dog attack they'd ever seen," she said

Dorris told WPBF that she launched her own investigation into her next-door neighbor and Duke's owner, Dr. Richard Lynn, finding county and police records that show that Duke had attacked seven other dogs since 2002.

One of those dog owners, Alana Greenberg, said that Duke's attack on her pet just would not stop.

"He just mauled my dog and picked her up like a rabbit and just shook her and threw her and just picked her up twice and did that," Greenberg said.

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The Palm Beach Town Council voted Tuesday to have Duke removed from the town or euthanized.

Lynn has about a week to comply with the order or the town will file an injunction to forcibly remove or kill the animal, according to town attorney John Randolph.

Phone calls made to Lynn were not immediately returned Tuesday.

Lynn did talk to WPBF in June and said that he has complied with past orders from Animal Care and Control.

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