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Edward Waike Pawsey and his partner Janine Golding

A DOG owner has been ordered to pay £1,000 in costs after a court ruled that his pet had bitten a postwoman.

Edward Waike-Pawsey, of The Street, Gosfield, said he was now considering appealing against the ruling, made by magistrates in Chelmsford yesterday.

The prosecution was carried out by Braintree District Council after Mr Waike-Pawsey's Lhasa Apso dog, named Yogi, bit postwoman Kim Rees's leg on May 29 as she waited on his doorstep while his partner signed for a letter. Ms Rees suffered a puncture wound and bruising and complained to the council about the incident.

Mr Waike-Pawsey told the court that the dog belonged to his partner, Janine Golding, but magistrates found that they co-owned the animal and handed him a dog control order.

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Kim Rees

During the hearing Ms Golding also insisted that the dog was hers, that he had simply put his paws on the postwoman's thigh and at no point had he bitten her.

She told the court: "He jumped up in a playful way. He doesn't react to strangers in a bad way at all. I knew he wasn't keen on the postal service - he doesn't like the letter box."

Despite her pleas, magistrates approved the complaint and noted that Mr Waike-Pawsey had failed to respond to letters from council asking for a meeting to discuss the incident.

Lloyd Chapman, chair of the magistrates, said: "We do not take this matter lightly. We find that Mr Waike-Pawsey was at least a co-owner of the dog.

"Yogi was dangerous and out of control and a particular danger to anyone knocking at the door - particularly a postal worker."

Speaking outside the court after the hearing, Ms Golding and Mr Waike-Pawsey said they were planning to appeal the decision and that Yogi had been victimised for being friendly.

Ms Golding, who said she had bought the dog against her partner's wishes five years ago, said: "We're really upset with the result.

"I know he didn't bite the post lady - I'm not a liar and Yogi was actually being friendly. I feel he's being victimised for being friendly."

A Braintree District Council spokesman said it was pleased with the outcome and hoped Mr Waike-Pawsey would now control the dog to prevent any further incidents.

He said: "It is a pity that it has taken a court case and all the subsequent costs for him to realise that he must accept responsibility for his pet at all times.

"Visitors to a property should not be at risk from being bitten, particularly when it is in the normal course of their work.

"Mr Waike-Pawsey has been given ample opportunity to ensure the dog in his household is kept under proper control."

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