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Hearing Set To Decide Fate Of 4 Huskies

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. -- A hearing is being held Friday afternoon in the case of four Siberian huskies accused of killing a terrier in Miramar.

Julie Roberts' four huskies, Chloe, Ivy, Dimberland and Champion, escaped from her Miramar home in August. They are accused of attacking and killing a terrier named Tinkerbelle.

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According to a Broward County ordinance, the four dogs are set to be killed because they allegedly attacked and killed Tinkerbelle. A hearing set for Friday will determine whether the case against the four dogs can move forward.

Roberts is allowed to visit her dogs at the Broward Animal Care and Regulation facility for 15 minutes a day.

"We sympathize with the family and we never meant for any of this to happen, but please just help me bring my dogs home," Roberts said.

Under the ordinance, if a dog kills or seriously harms another animal, it can be put down after the very first incident.

"These dogs are not running around the neighborhood like a pack of wild animals. This is an accident, and that will clearly come out if and when a hearing occurs," said attorney Jason Wandner.

The South Florida Siberian Husky Rescue protested outside Broward Animal Care and Regulation on Friday saying that the ordinance is unjust.

"A dog has to be declared dangerous under the state law and then if it's declared dangerous and it bites a person or another animal, then the dog can be euthanized. What Broward County did is it took away the one shot," said attorney Jan Michael Morris.

"Everyone in my neighborhood knows my dogs. They come to visit my dogs and play with my dogs," Roberts said.

"Is this a situation where this family and these dogs have lost the right to live?" Wandner said.

"It is sad for all parties concerned, the owner of Tinkerbelle as well as the owners for these dogs, but that's for the hearing to determine," said Lisa Mendheim of Broward Animal Care and Regulation.

The hearing was scheduled for 1 p.m.

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