



## Labradors attack several goats in Mount Brynion Road area

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Two Labradors that have been “terrorizing” the Mount Brynion area of Kelso are in the custody of the Humane Society of Cowlitz County, which is trying to learn who owns them. The Labs have no collars or microchips identifying them, director Rick Johnson said.

The dogs are believed to have killed three goats over the past several days and may be to blame for mangled legs on deer that roam the rural neighborhood.

Debra and John Kramer say on Friday night the dogs killed and mutilated one of the pygmy goats they kept on their 5 acres on Rainbow Heights.

The land is fenced and cross-fenced, but the dogs “can jump 5-to-6-foot fences in no time,” Debra Kramer said Monday. She said her husband rose to see what the barking was about and found the dogs in a corner of their yard. The goat’s leg was ripped off, she said.

She said the pygmy goat she lost was one of her most productive females and she was getting ready to breed it again. She said the goat usually bore five kids, which she sells for \$100 each.

Early Sunday morning, Dick and Judy Lee, who live near the Kramers on Williams-Finney Road, found that two of their pygora goats (angora-pygmy cross) had been killed. Judy Lee said her husband went out with a shotgun and saw the dogs had just killed the second goat. The dogs escaped.

“I don’t know how they got in our fence,” Judy Lee said. “It’s all fenced in.”

She said her husband was very fond of the goats.

“These were like his little kids,” she said. “We’ve had them probably eight years.”

She added, “I guess these dogs are chasing the deer around here. The deer we’ve had in our yard, their legs have just been mangled. Once they (dogs) get the taste of blood, there’s no way you can stop them.”

Everyone had their eyes out for the Labs, but a neighbor spotted them as she was leaving for church and called 911, Debra Kramer said.

“They told our neighbor they’d been terrorizing up and down Mount Brynion Road,” she said.

Johnson of the Humane Society said, “From what the (animal control) officer told me, they were really nice dogs, wagging their tails. But it’s never good when an animal kills another animal.”

He said the society wants to talk to the owner before deciding the fate of the dogs.

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