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Woman critically injured in Great Dane attack

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A 59-year-old woman is hospitalized after she was attacked last weekend by her prize-winning Great Dane in her yard.

Barbara Chambers was in her backyard in the 500 block of Cranbrook Park with her two show dogs – her Great Dane, "Lemonade," and a poodle – when Lemonade lunged and attacked her late Saturday night, Garland police spokesman Joe Harn said.

Chambers was listed in critical condition at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, the hospital said.

A neighbor witnessed the attack and said there was no apparent reason for the dog's sudden rage, police said. Police subdued the Great Dane with a Taser, and the dog was later euthanized by Garland Animal Control. The poodle is in quarantine at a veterinary hospital.

According to From the Heart Kennel's Web site, Lemonade was a prize-winning male brindle show dog.

Diana Oats of Garland Animal Control said Great Danes are tame and that it was unusual, especially for a show dog, to be aggressive.

Jason Chessher, a director of health at Garland Animal Control Director, said there are not many reports of Great Dane attacks, but that that may due to the scarcity of the dogs in the area.