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## Boulder County horse dies after dog attack

### Two labs and a boxer being held at Humane Society

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BOULDER, Colo. — A 32-year-old horse attacked by a pack of dogs Sunday in Boulder County died Monday, her owner said.

Richard Beardsley said veterinarians were able to stabilize "Prissy" after the attack, but on Monday afternoon "it all went downhill real fast and she passed away."

"We lost a family member," he said. "She met an unhappy fate. It was a horse's worst nightmare."

He said the neighbors also will miss seeing the elderly horse.

"The neighbors would bring their kids up," he said. "They always wanted to see the horsey and feed the horsey."

Boulder police, open space rangers, sheriff's deputies and animal control officers responded to Beardsley's home in the 4300 block of 26th Street on a report that a boxer and two Labrador retrievers were attacking the horse. The attack left Prissy with injuries to her head, throat and body, according to the sheriff's office.

Joshua Mantooth and Nelson Alvarez, who live at 2568 Vine Place, were ticketed for unlawful ownership of a dangerous dog, a misdemeanor.

Mantooth owns the two labs and Alvarez owns the boxer, said Cmdr. Rick Brough. The dogs are being held at the Humane Society of Boulder Valley while the case against the owners moves forward, he said.

Beardsley said the three dogs had harassed his horse once before, but he was able to chase them away.

"Their dogs were very vicious in a pack," he said. "The legal system will do what it does with them."



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