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Joe Namath's Labrador retriever deemed 'dangerous'

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Hall of fame quarterback Joe Namath had a lot of luck on the gridiron, on the singles scene and in the media spotlight, but he's not having the best of luck with his 6-year-old Labrador retriever, Leo. Seems Leo likes to bite, allegedly. Or is Stella, Namath's Weimaraner, actually the bad dog?

According to the South Florida Sun-Sentinel, the Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control officials suggest that [one or both of the dogs were mixed up in four separate attacks](#).

The four complaints have come from: a delivery driver; a contractor, who was working on the Namath residence in West Palm Beach when he was allegedly bitten; a home healthcare nurse, who knocked on the wrong door and was greeted by one of the dogs; and, most recently, an irrigation tech, who claims both dogs sank their teeth into him.

But alas, only poor Leo has been deemed "dangerous" so far, by a special magistrate. The punishment? The Sun-Sentinel reports that "the dog is not allowed outside without a muzzle and a leash and must be handled at all times, even in his own yard. The dog is only allowed to be without a leash and muzzle if he is in a kennel."

-- Tony Pierce

Photo: File photo of Joe Namath when he played for the Los Angeles Rams during a Rams game at the Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles, in 1977. Credit: Allsport USA / Allsport

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