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Miniature horse mauled by dogs in Goffstown; owner wants accountability

A Goffstown miniature horse is recovering after two dogs attacked its paddock in early October. Owner Nancy Sliwerski is seeking accountability as medical costs mount.



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Mister Buddy was attacked by two pit bull mixes on Oct. 3 in Goffstown. Provided by Nancy Sliwerski

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An average day turned into a nightmare earlier this month for a Goffstown woman who owns and loves a miniature horse named Mister Buddy.

The night of Oct. 3, schoolteacher Nancy Sliwerski knew something was wrong when she got a call around 9 p.m. from her friends Mike Boucher and Jean LeBlanc, also of Goffstown, who own the property where Sliwerski boards her horse.

Boucher and LeBlanc were indoors watching a movie when they heard strange noises coming from the direction of a boarding tent that three miniature horses call home.

When Boucher got up to take a look, he noticed there were lights on.

"I saw the light and I thought it was too bright. I thought someone was breaking in," he said.

Something, not someone, did break in, but it wasn't a bandit. It was two pit bull-mix dogs and they had Mister Buddy, Zeus and Honeybun (all miniatures) cornered in the back of the tent.

Mister Buddy positioned himself valiantly between the dogs and the other horses and was badly injured from fending off the dogs.



As Boucher intervened, the dogs began to circle him, but backed off when LeBlanc called them over to a vehicle with an upbeat tone and encouraged them to jump inside to go for a ride.

"He was just pretty beat up, bleeding profusely," Sliwerski said.

"Mister Buddy was torn to pieces, they were chewing on him like he was meat," Boucher said. "Mister Buddy would have been dead. They were going to kill him."

Sliwerski arrived about 10 minutes after receiving the phone call. Boucher said a local veterinarian was there quickly, too.

After reviewing the extent of Mister Buddy's injuries, the veterinarian suggested they bring the miniature horse to New England Equine Medical & Surgical Center in Dover. They arrived between 10:30 and 11 p.m. that night.

"He was there for almost a week," Boucher said.

"Honeybun, the littlest one, somehow went to the back of the paddock," Sliwerski said.

Mister Buddy, 18, suffered a 4-inch gash under his chin, a torn ear, bite wounds near where the dogs attempted to catch his throat and around his eye, among other serious injuries.

"What was really bad was underneath, his belly. They tried to go for that," Sliwerski said. "It was pretty bad."

That night, Sliwerski spoke with a Goffstown police officer. Boucher said the officer came to the property and remained for several hours after the attack.

The police took a report and they gave Sliwerski contact information for the owner of the dogs.

The police report indicates the dogs have been involved in other altercations in the past.

Goffstown Police Chief Eric Sereno did not return requests for information.

Sliwerski and Boucher said the dogs belong to people staying in a trailer up the road.

In the wake of the attack, Mister Buddy is doing well.

Boucher installed a "super-electrical fence" around the paddock to guard against future attacks.

"That's all I could think to do," he said.

It was the first time he's experienced an animal attack there.

"We have 18 horses here, we have never had a single issue," Boucher said.

Honeybun and Zeus suffered minor physical injuries, but they're afraid to return to the area where the attack took place.

Zeus, in particular, has become emotionally shut down, Boucher said.

Now, Sliwerski wants some accountability.

"I've still never heard from the owners," Sliwerski said. "No apology, no nothing."

"Legally, the police told me that the dog owner is liable for his medical expenses. I have paid for his medical expenses up to this point," Sliwerski added.



Sliwerski said she's not sure why the dogs were not seized by police following the attack. Although she is an animal lover, she said the dogs should be euthanized.

"I think they're vicious and, given the opportunity, they'll do it again," she said.



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