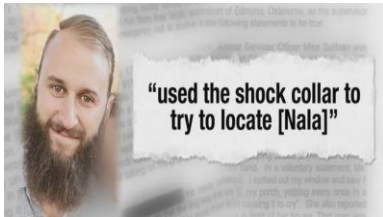


# Dog Trainer Charged With Animal Cruelty After Misusing Shock Collar

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An Oklahoma Sit Means Sit dog trainer is facing animal cruelty charges after police say he “wilfully, maliciously, feloniously and cruelly” injured a dog he was hired to train.

An Oklahoma City resident was at home on February 1 when her dog began barking at something outside.

She told KFOR News that she heard a dog outside her house, yelping and barking. She said she thought the dog had been hit by a car because he was yelping in pain. She went outside to investigate and found a Boxer-mix in her front yard behaving strangely.

“It was actually violently pushing against the front window jumping, and it just sounds like she was in a lot of pain.”

She noticed the dog was wearing a shock collar, but when she reached in to remove the collar, the dog bit her.

Immediately after a phone call to Edmond Animal Control, Lukas Miller, the owner of Sit Means Sit Dog Training, showed up looking for the dog.

According to court documents, Miller was shock-collar training the 2-year old Boxer mix, Nala, when the dog ran off.

In an attempt to locate the missing dog, he turned up the shock collar repeatedly, apparently to inflict pain and elicit a yelping or barking response from the dog.

Miller has now been charged with animal cruelty and, because of the bite incident, Nala was quarantined for 10 days and is now back home with her owner.

Although Miller faces criminal charges for his actions, Nala's owner says she's happy with the training she's received and continues to use Miller's services.

A preliminary trial is scheduled for Thursday.