Two Men Accused Of Animal Abuse At St. Peters Training Center

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Two men have been charged with animal abuse for using shock collars in a way that caused pain to four dogs at a St. Peters dog training facility.

45 year old Anthony Dean Lampert of St. Louis County has been charged with one count of animal abuse and 24 Nicholas Zachary Labath of St. Charles County has been charged with three counts. The charges are all misdemeanors.

The charges were filed in connection with incidents that occurred last month at Sit Means Sit in St. Peters. Videos of the alleged abuse were submitted to St. Charles County animal control officials. Authorities allege that Labath knowingly used a shock collar device to cause pain and suffering to two Labrador retriever mixes and an Irish Setter. In the video, he was reportedly seen misusing the shock collar by administering repeat shocks causing the dogs to yelp in pain. Authorities said one of the dogs was also grabbed by the collar and swung around Labath's body and then slapped in the face.

Lampert is accused of repeatedly shocking another dog to make it respond to commands.

Lampert's attorney tells the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that the accusation against her client is inaccurate but she declined to comment further.