

Dog owner jailed for animal cruelty

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A pet owner is going to jail for 30 days after flying into an uncontrollable rage when he returned home to find his seven-month-old German shepherd had damaged some furniture.

"What started out as disciplining the dog turned into physical abuse," Crown prosecutor Gord Haight told court Tuesday after Thomas James Norman, 23, pleaded guilty to causing pain and suffering to the dog, Aurora.

"The dog was beaten to the point it ultimately fractured its femur -- one of its legs -- and suffered internal injuries, including a bleeding liver," said Haight.

The prosecutor said once it was clear to Norman and his common-law wife that the dog had suffered significant injuries on July 15, 2008, they took it to the vet.

He said they couldn't afford treatment, so they surrendered the dog to the Calgary Humane Society.

Norman has been prohibited from owning or possessing animals for two years.

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