

David Paul Mahler - 4 Weeks Old

Anchorage, Alaska
Mauled to death by wolf hybrid

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Infant Girl Dies After Mauling By 80 Pound Hybrid Wolf In The Valley

A month old infant died Wednesday after being bitten in the head by a hybrid wolf that had recently given birth to puppies, according to a Mat Su animal control supervisor. The 80 pound animal mauled the baby girl Tuesday afternoon while her mother, Linda Borer, was visiting the owner of the dog, said Jerry Pineau, chief animal control officer for the MatSu Valley. The child died Wednesday night at Providence Hospital in Anchorage, according to nursing supervisor Sharon Robinson....

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Mauling Of Infant Under Investigation

Alaska State Troopers are trying to determine if negligence was responsible for the death of an infant whose skull was fractured after being bitten in the head by a pregnant hybrid wolf. The child was attacked Tuesday afternoon apparently while in his mother's arms in the animal's kennel at a home between Palmer and Wasilla, according to animal control officers and state troopers. The 28 day old child, identified by troopers as Paul Mahler, died Wednesday at Providence Hospital. He...

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Owner Fights To Spare Dog

The owner of the hybrid wolf that killed a 28dayold infant this week said she will fight to save her pet from being destroyed. "My animal is not vicious," Shawn Caswell said. "I loved that little baby. Why should my animal die, too?" Animal Control officers have custody of Caswell's pet 80pound hybrid wolf named Kessie, who bit Paul Mahler on the head after his mother, Linda Borer, took him into the animal's kennel. The child's skull was fractured. Officials are waiting for...

The Seattle Times

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No Charges Filed In Wolf-Dog's Fatal Attack On Infant

ANCHORAGE - Prosecutors have decided not to file criminal charges against the mother of a month-old baby killed in April by a wolf-dog hybrid. "We concluded no one was criminally liable," including the animal's owners, said Larry Weeks, Alaska chief of criminal prosecutions. Investigators consulted with Purdue University Professor Eric Klinghammer, who runs a wildlife

park that researches wolves. Based in part on Klinghammer's testimony, investigators concluded it was...

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Coroner's Jury Finds Mother Negligent In Case Of Baby Killed By Wolf-Dog

An Anchorage coroner's jury has concluded that a 28-day-old infant killed in April by a hybrid wolf was a victim of criminally negligent homicide at the hands of his mother. Based on the verdict, the state's chief of prosecutions said Thursday she will re-examine the case to determine if Linda Borer, the mother, should be charged. Paul Mahler died of a fractured skull after Borer took him inside the Wasilla-area kennel of a friend's pregnant wolf-dog and held him for the animal to...