

Tonya Elliot - 2 Years Old

Forest Township, Michigan
Mauled to death by wolf hybrid

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Two-year-old Tonya Elliott had played before with the unusual pet owned by family friends a hybrid wolf-dog. But on Thursday, the animal attacked and killed the tiny Genesee County girl, who wandered away from her mother to where the pet was chained. The attack comes as state lawmakers consider a bill to ban exotic and wild animals as pets, including animals such as the one that killed Tonya. A spokeswoman for an organization of hybrid wolf-dog owners said Terry Anderson Hostages' loved ones sort affirm hope...

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2-year-old killed in wolf-dog attack Services for Tonya Elliott, a 2-year-old Genesee County girl who was killed by a wolf-dog Thursday, will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Miles Martin Funeral Home, Mt. Morris, Mich. Burial will be in Thetford Township Cemetery. Tonya was found lying near the part wolf, part German shepherd prior to noon Thursday. She had severe neck wounds, Otisville Police Chief Leo Johnson said. The girl's mother, Lisa Elliott, was visiting the animal's owner, Ruth Wilson, when they noticed the girl had wandered toward the pet. "They had played together before," said Janet Elliott, Tonya's grandmother. "Why it turned on her, nobody really knows." Tonya is survived by her parents, Tim and Lisa Woodring Elliott...

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Otisville, MI: A 2 1/2-year old girl was killed by a tethered hybrid with which she had previously played. The hybrid grabbed the child on the neck and shook her, tearing out her throat and nearly decapitating her. Price, supra; World News Tonight, supra note 18; Erich Klinghammer, Draft Legislation Needed to Control Hybrids and Captive Wolves, WOLVES AND RELATED CANIDS, Summer 1990, at 18-19.