

GoFundMe campaign raises \$2,500 for dog attacked at Ribfest

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A GoFundMe campaign set up to help offset some of the veterinary costs for a five-year-old Pomeranian attacked by a larger dog Georgetown Ribfest raised \$2,500.

Brendan Coates said he arrived at the event held at the Georgetown Fairgrounds at approximately 12:45 p.m. on Sunday (Aug. 20) with his two Pomeranians, Raven and Simba.

He said both dogs were securely on a leash and playing with a friend's daughter, when he saw a woman walking into the event with a large dog he described as a Mastiff-type breed on a long leash.

"I was standing, talking to some friends of mine and her dog came in at Raven

way too fast and close. Raven growled, tried to get away, but before I knew it, the dog had its entire mouth on Raven locked down," said Coates on the GoFundMe campaign page.

"I always have my guys on a short leash, 'cause every kid and their brother want to pet them, 'cause they are so fluffy and approachable. Her dog was walking her with a full-length lead. I couldn't pull Raven away, because the dog had so much slack, it didn't even matter," he added.

Coates said he immediately jumped on the large dog and began hitting it, in an attempt to free Raven from its jaws. He eventually succeeded in freeing Raven, but not before he suffered serious injuries, re-

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quiring hours of surgery and more than 50 stitches.

"Raven is very, very badly hurt," said Coates. "He had surgery for three hours, he's got over 50 stitches, three major puncture wounds, three drains. He's back at the hospital as I am typing this," he wrote on the campaign page last Monday, a day after the attack.

According to Coates, police on scene became involved, but said as no people were injured, it was not considered a criminal matter. He says he has since filed a complaint with the Town of Halton Hills canine control unit, which he said is now investigating

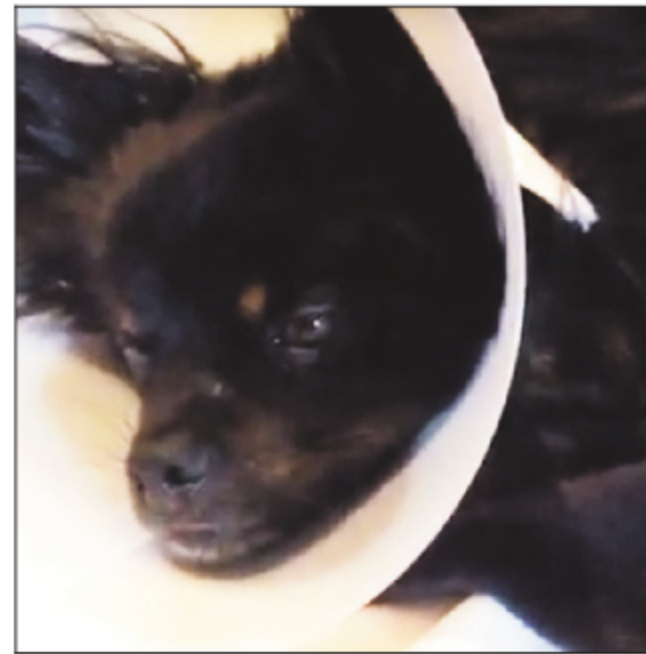
the incident.

"I've decided I'm going to make some calendars as a thank you with photos of Raven, Simba and Ajabear for anyone who donates to help me and Raven out. Anything that goes above, I will donate (to) the animal hospital, who has been incredible with Raven and I'm sure many others who are rushed into their clinic," said Coates.

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Brendan Coates photo

Raven, a five-year-old Pomeranian, suffered serious injuries after he was attacked by a large Mastiff at Georgetown Ribfest according to owner.



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