

# German shepherds running wild leaves Tenth Line resident angry after pet Pekeapoo-pug injured

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Two German shepherds have been wreaking havoc at a Tenth Line property and the homeowner wants to ensure the dogs don't come back and are secured on their own property.

Helena DiSalvo said the two dogs have injured one of her small dogs and killed two chickens in her yard.

The dogs were first seen on her property, located between Steeles Ave. and 5 Sideroad, Friday March 2, then again last Tuesday, March 6.

At that time another resident of the home, Michael Tassone, spotted the German shepherds near the DaSilva's chickens, ran to scare them off and found one of the chickens had been killed.

The next time DiSalvo saw the dogs, last Friday morning, one of them had her Pekeapoo-pug Peaka in its mouth. Peaka had been sunning herself on the front step, and when her other dog began growling on the couch DiSalvo looked outside.

"I opened the door, shrieked, and (one of the German shepherds) dropped the dog," said DiSalvo, adding Peaka was "scared stiff."

DaSilva called Animal Control, but the dogs were gone by the time they arrived.

She said the German shepherd didn't break Peaka's skin, but she did have marks on her stomach, so she took the pooch to the vet to be checked out.

DiSalvo said the vet didn't find any visible injuries but gave Peaka an anti-inflammatory



Helena DiSalvo shot this picture of two German shepherds who have been running loose on her Tenth Line property. She said they have injured one of her dogs and killed two chickens. *Submitted photo*

in case there were internal injuries.

She said her dog was not herself over the past few days and she ended up back at the vet again Tuesday, with what is believed to be pancreatitis.

Peaka's since been admitted and DiSalvo believes her illness was likely brought on by the stress of the attack. On Thursday she was doing better and DiSalvo was hoping to bring her home today (Friday).

DiSalvo said the German shepherds showed up again later last Friday and she managed to get a picture of them. That day they found another dead chicken in the yard, whose death she attributes to the dogs.

She wants to ensure the dogs are secured on their own property.

"If they can attack a little dog, or a chicken, why not a kid?"

"I want to know they're tied up so we can have freedom on our property for our little dogs," said DiSalvo.

Lise Levesque, Halton Hills' animal control officer, said if the dogs are picked up they will be held for three days at the Limehouse shelter before being put up for adoption.

Anyone with information about the German shepherds may contact DiSalvo at 905-877-3444 or Levesque at 519-833-2287 or 905-693-3340.

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Helena DiSalvo found her pet Peaka in the mouth of one of the German shepherds last Friday.

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