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DOG ATTACK IN ELEPHANT BUTTE SPIRALS INTO MONTHS-LONG BATTLE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

What began as a routine walk on February 16, 2025, has turned into a months-long ordeal for Blain, a visiting Canadian staying at a campground in Elephant Butte, New Mexico, after a vicious dog attack left his 20-pound pet, Taco, seriously injured – and animal control’s sluggish, inconsistent response has left the community seething.

From the initial violence to the dog’s reappearance on March 24, the saga has exposed gaps in enforcement and fueled demands for justice.

THE ATTACK: FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Blain was walking Taco and his other dog, Georgie, near a property just up the road from his campground at the corner of Roadrunner Circle and Hawthorne – a route they’d taken countless times without issue – when chaos erupted. Taco, an amazing little dog adopted by Blain and his wife from Desert Haven Animal Rescue while on holiday here, became the target.

A white bull terrier-type dog with a brown patch on its head and side charged across the road. “It went straight for Taco,” Blain said. “She’s only 20 pounds – this thing was over 70 pounds and tore into her stomach.” The terrier flipped Taco upside down, thrashing her as she screamed in pain.

Its owners shouted commands, but the dog ignored them entirely. Blain struck the attacker while one owner wrestled it to the ground, prying its jaws open to free Taco.

Taco sustained severe abdominal wounds, requiring emergency surgery, an overnight vet stay, a drain, and stitches. “It was a nightmare,” Blain said. “She’s been healing ever since.”

Desert Haven Animal Rescue responded faster than animal

control, arriving at Blain’s campground within 20 minutes of his call with dressings for Taco’s wounds and painkillers to tide her over.

Unfortunately, there’s no emergency vet in Truth or Consequences, and the closest option was in El Paso, Texas. Blain got her to Arenas Veterinary Clinic first thing Monday morning for treatment. Animal control was also called, initially stating that the homeowner is responsible for any dog on their property, regardless of ownership.

But when the homeowner denied knowing the dog or its owner, officials didn’t visit until the afternoon of February 17 – nearly 24 hours later – giving ample time to relocate the animal.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE AND EARLY FRUSTRATION

Skeptical of the homeowner’s denial, Blain posted about the attack on Facebook, sparking a flood of responses. “Over 30 people came forward,” he said. “They’ve seen that dog at that address, had problems with it before, and reported it to animal control.” Residents provided accounts of the terrier’s aggression and its repeated presence at the property, contradicting the homeowner’s story.

Yet, animal control deemed the witness testimony insufficient to act, leaving Blain and the community stunned. “The homeowner lied, and the delay helped them cover it up,” believes Blain.

A STALEMATE PERSISTS

For over 30 days, the case stagnated. Taco slowly recovered at home, but no resolution emerged. Animal control maintained that without definitive proof of ownership, their hands were tied – despite their own policy holding homeowners accountable and the dog’s documented ties to the address.

“They know who lives there, and the law says they’re responsible,” Blain said. “But they’re doing nothing.”

The Dog Returns: March 24, 2025

On March 24, 2025, a resident spotted the terrier and its keep-

ers back at the property and alerted animal control. Blain received a call from officials saying they’d “head out there” in about an hour – a response time he called “pathetic.”

Checking the property while on the phone, Blain found it empty; the group had evidently moved to a friend’s house down the road. Animal control then claimed that, since over 30 days had passed, their options were limited. When pressed, they added that if the dog leaves Sierra County, it’s out of their jurisdiction – despite knowing the homeowner’s identity and the law’s clear stance.

A COMMUNITY LEFT HANGING

The back-and-forth has eroded trust in Elephant Butte’s animal control. “They’re hiding behind delays, excuses, and jurisdiction,” Blain said. “That dog’s a threat – it ignored its owners’ commands and could’ve killed Taco or attacked a kid.”

Residents continue to report sightings, but faith in action is fading. “I was lucky I didn’t have my 5-pound poodle or my grandson with me that day,” Blain added. “It was traumatizing for me and still is. I now walk with a bat and mace.”

Blain emphasized that his fight isn’t about money. “I’m not asking the owner to pay any vet bills – we don’t care about that,” he said. “What we care about is that this dog is dangerous to other people and animals and should be held accountable.”

Adding to the irony, Blain’s wife is an advocate for animals and the laws surrounding animal abuse and neglect. “It’s unbelievable this happened to our own pets,” he said.

He remains focused on Taco’s recovery and broader safety. “The community’s stepping up because the system isn’t,” he said. “Thirty days later, and they’re still dodging. Someone has to answer for this.”

Animal control says the investigation persists, but with the terrier now shuttled nearby and no enforcement in sight, the ordeal feels far from over. Authorities

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GRAHAM

Donna Graham was born August 31, 1937 in Morgantown, Kentucky to Fred Ragland and Leona Pearl Wyley.

She went with her mother and two older sisters to Colorado in 1939, first to Monte Vista and then to Wagon Wheel Gap, where her mother’s extended family was building Cottonwood Cove resort.

She attended Creede schools and then moved with her mother to Truth or Consequences, New Mexico in 1952, where she attended Hot Springs High School.

She married her high school sweetheart, Worley Brock, in 1955. Their only child, Richard Brock, was born in Hawaii in 1961.

Donna returned to the mainland in the early 1970s. She married Charles “Chick” Graham in 1977. For a time she ran a dress shop in Monte Vista with her sister, Barbara, and their mother before she and Chick moved to Truth or Consequences and settled in.

Donna worked as the creative director of Adobe Moon Arts. Later she was active in the VFW and was also a long-time volunteer at the Hamilton Military Museum. Her passion was being an artist and she created many beautiful works in tile, ceramics, pottery, fabric, and painting.

Donna was preceded in death by her sisters: Ordean Landers and Barbara Magness; by both of her husbands; by her son, Richard Brock, and by her grandson, Mason Brock.

She is survived by her grandson, Mitchell Brock; nephews: Creede, Orin, and Wyley Hargraves; and niece, Melanie Colding, among others.

Her last couple of years were difficult as her dementia deepened, but her life was made much easier by the loving help of her nephews, her niece-in-law, Therese Hargraves, and her devoted step-daughter, Carolyn Bryant.

Donna passed away March 19, 2025 in Del Norte, Colorado. There will be no service, according to her wishes, and she has donated her body to science.



urge further witness statements, but for now, a small dog’s scars and a town’s frustration linger unresolved.

Call to action: Justice for Taco.

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TOO MUCH WHITE PAINT, TOO LITTLE GRAY MATTER?

It was a funny, strange mixture of surprise and disappointment when encountering one absurdity exceeded by another one, not believing it being possible.

Let me explain.

I live in Dawson City, Yukon, Canada, close to the Alaskan border, and have spent more than ten winters in Truth or Consequences.

The town has grown close to my heart because of the good friends I found here, the intriguing surroundings and unbeatable climate. (I only spend the winters here, eh.) With its colourful people, strong artistic influence, it reminds me a lot of Dawson City, even if it comes to absurdities.

Several years ago, the Yukon government decided to improve the only road leading to Dawson. A few miles before entering town, at two turn offs, the road was widened to allow for more fluent traffic, a lane for the turn off and one going straight, so I thought.

Surprise, surprise, they painted a yellow striped island in the middle of the road, channeling traffic into one lane and so totally defeating the purpose of widening the road. Sparing you more details, just let me assure you, every ten year old would have come up with a better solution.

And now, surprise and disappointment, the first absurdity was beaten.

Driving down Main Street and Broadway, I was flabbergasted by the confusing white paint scheme drawn onto the innocent pavement.

After my initial shock, I had to admit to myself that this extraordinary creation in the realm of absurdities, for sure left the one in the Yukon in the dust.

Of course one always looks for an explanation, why?

Is it a unique artistic traffic pattern design, to attract tourists, a contest of some mischievous traffic planners for the most cumbersome road design possible or to test the level of complacency of the citizen of T or C.

Frankly, I always considered the American people more outspoken and rebellious than my Canadian countrymen and I truly hope, they don’t put up with this nonsense.

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THE HOLOCAUST

WAS A HOAX! PART 1

The purpose of this editorial is to examine a few of the “facts” from the “official” Holocaust nar-

ative and show where they are wrong. Let me first start out and say that the reason the Holocaust narrative is so important to Jews is for two reasons.

First, from a religious point of view, the so-called Holocaust is used by the Apostate Jews to distract from the blame due to them for their denial, crucifixion, and death of the Messiah (Jesus Christ). They attempt to replace the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ with the passion and death of the whole Jewish people in the Holocaust.

Secondly, from a secular point of view, the so-called Holocaust is the reason why the Apostate Zionist Jews ultimately got their “State of Israel” and it’s also the main reason they use to justify all their unjust aggressions against the Palestinians and Middle Eastern neighbors.

The true facts for this article are taken from the book “The Holocaust Hoax Exposed” written by Victor Thorn.

When examining the Holocaust there are many aspects you can debunk when you want to get to the truth. I will be highlighting some major points here and in the weeks ahead.

The first question I have is how come the numbers don’t add up? If 6 million Jews were killed during WWII then the Almanacs at the time should clearly show this but they don’t.

On page 19 of his book, Thorn sites that the Jewish population ranged from 15.1 to 16.2 million from 1936 to 1948. The sources cited for these claims are the World Almanac, the American Jewish Committee Bureau of the Synagogue Council and the New York Times.

Another question is, if you did have “gas chambers,” then you should have piles of coal to burn the bodies. Thorn points out that this was not the case when he uses Auschwitz to show that there are no Allied reconnaissance photos in existence revealing huge supplies of coal at Auschwitz. Nor do German records support any such massive deliveries of coal to Auschwitz. (Pg 68) By the way, “Historians” try to claim that Auschwitz killed 4 million Jews.

This leads to another point, why did the Germans gas Jews and then cremated them when they could have shot or stabbed them and bury them in a pit? This is way more economical.

And lastly, if you did exterminate 6 million Jews, there is no way that this could have been completed between 1942 to 1945. Thorn states that in order to kill 6 million Jews with various “gas chambers,” they would have to be in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week for 68 years. Then if they were to cremate them then they would have to be fed into the crematoriums, at maximum output, for 35 years. (pg. 33)

Stay tuned as I will debunk more Holocaust “facts” next week. For more information about this topic please check out our Holocaust Conspiracy page.

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