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5/29/2025 I, Officer S. Brodowsky, was called by the DCSO for an animal bite at the hospital. Upon arriving at the hospital I spoke with the nurse at the counter who told me there were 2 victims. The nurse stated the 5 y/o boy was in room 6 and that his mother was in room 9. I went to the child first and spoke with his Father, Jason Lastinger, Mr. Lastinger stated he was not home when this happened and that I really needed to talk to his wife to get more information. Further talking made me realize this bite happened the day before. Jason Lastinger stated that 2 of the 3 dogs have been shot and buried and that the 3rd dog had been shot but was still alive. He further stated that when his wife tried to get the dogs off of their son the dogs turned on her and that his father, Craig Lastinger, had to shoot the dogs to get them off of his wife, Mandy Brown. I took photos of the boy's wounds and then went to talk with Mandy Brown. Ms. Brown was a bit out of it so her sister helped her fill out the witness statement. Ms. Brown told me basically the same thing as her husband. I asked Ms. Brown why they had waited to come to the hospital and she stated she didn't have a car and I asked about her father in law, and she stated he was to upset about killing his dogs and she just waited till her husband got home the next day. I also took photos of all her wounds. I waited till it was daylight and went with Officer Raugust and DCSO Deputy Murphy to the dog owner's home to impound the other dog. Craig Lastinger when asked about the dog "Bruno" stated he had also shot at him but it has just grazed his leg. I also asked him why he didn't take his grandson and daughter in law to the hospital and he responded with "I didn't think they were hurt that bad". Mr. Lastinger stated the 2 dogs that he had killed "Sweet pea" and "Missy" had been vaccinated at Sarasota ARC. He further stated that he had also been bitten by one of the dogs. I asked him if he would surrender the dog and at first he stated he wanted the dog back and when I told him about going to court to have him listed as a Dangerous Dog he stated he would just sign him over. He filled out the owner surrender and the Euthanasia form. "Bruno was brought back to the office for his Bite Quarantine.

5/29/2025 I, Officer S. Brodowsky, called and spoke with Patricia at the DeSoto County Health Department. I let her know that the 2 dead dogs supposedly have been vaccinated, waiting proof of vaccine, and that the 3rd dog was at the office.

6/3/2025 Talked to Sarasota ARC and they told me that the 2 female dogs had been vaccinated for rabies. Called Patricia at the Health Department to let her know. That afternoon Mr. Craig Lastinger came to the office wanting to see "Bruno" and Officer M. Gibson took him back to see "Bruno". When he came back up front he asked to speak with me. I went out front to speak with Mr. Lastinger and he told me he had changed his mind and now wants his dog back. I told him that I would get started on the Dangerous Dog paperwork and have him served by the end of the week. I also talked to him about what was needed for him to have the dog back if it was declared dangerous and also about the new provision in the law that go into effect on July 1, 2025. Mr. Lastinger stated his dog is not dangerous and that we will not be able to say he is.

6/4/2025 Received a phone call at the office from Jason Lastinger and Mandy Brown wanting to know what they could do to keep his dad from getting this dog back. I explained to them about having the dog "Bruno" declared as a Dangerous Dog and that I would need them to come to court, which they stated they would be happy to. Jason Lastinger stated these dogs have bitten in the past but that the bites had not been reported. He further stated he has known something like this was going to happen and he is afraid if that dog comes back out there that next time it may kill his son or wife. I let him know that I would call him when we have a court date.

