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Francesca Rogier speaks to media after she was convicted of three by-law violations. JEFFREY LANSING

### Brindi the dog case adjourned

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The embattled owner of Brindi the dog has more time to build a defense after the dog's sentencing hearing was adjourned until April. The adjournment was granted so Brindi could undergo a behavioural assessment.

"For a judge to decide whether a dog is too dangerous to live, they should be able to draw upon expert opinion from someone who is able to assess the behaviour of a dog," says Brindi's owner Francesca Rogier. "And that's what I'd like to put forward to the court."

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She says she tried a couple weeks ago, but it couldn't be coordinated with animal control and the SPCA. Brindi was on a muzzle order last year, yet was able to leave her yard and attacked another dog. Rogier was convicted last month of three by-law infractions relating to the incident. Rogier, who lives in East Chezzetcook, says she's also working to get two recent court cases where dogs attacked people, and were not euthanized. Caryl Michaelson-Rotermund, a neighbour of Rogier, says she's seen no violent behaviour from Brindi. "Our dog went and took Brindi's bone from her," says Michaelson-Rotermund. "And she had no problem with that." Brindi's fate could be decided April 16 when the case returns to Dartmouth Provincial Court.

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My heart is so saddened by all of the pain this poor dog has gone through. Enough is enough. Show a bit of mercy Halifax and do the right thing and let this dear little dog go home and be happy in her few remaining years. It almost sounds like a witch hunt. Halifax you will not win anything Brindi is put to sleep, Come on dog lovers unite and save Brindi.

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