

Trial set in April for Scottsburg woman accused of animal neglect

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The trial for Charlotte Gail Killey, the Scottsburg woman charged with animal neglect, has been scheduled for April 26 in Scott Superior Court.

The charge was filed in Scott Superior Court on March 3 against Killey who, though she apparently knew her dog had been injured when struck by a car, did not seek care for it.

Steve Wollmann, Chief Investigator with the Scott County Prosecutor's Office, said a report of animal cruelty was received from the county's Animal Control Officer on February 22. That officer had been called to a residence on South Sixth Street in Austin to do a welfare check on a dog that was tied to a tree on February 17.

The house at that address was vacant, so the officer visited neighboring houses, learning from residents at a home on Cross Street that the dog belonged to Killey, 28. A relative of Killey said Killey had moved to Scottsburg but left the dog at her former residence.

The pet had gotten loose some weeks before the officer's visit and was apparently struck and injured by a vehicle, he was told. When told about the dog's injury, Killey allegedly visited the dog, bringing food, a new collar and a new cable to secure him to the tree. Apparently, no medical treatment was obtained for the animal. When the Animal Control Officer made contact with Killey on February 18, the woman signed the dog over to his care. The shepherd mix was dragging its rear legs, the officer noted.

The animal was transported to a local veterinarian who euthanized it that same day "...due to the traumatic injury it had sustained..." the probable cause affidavit stated.

Killey's bail in the case was originally set at \$10,000 corporate surety/\$1,000 cash but was reduced to \$5,000 surety/\$500 cash during her initial court hearing held on March 10. She has been released on bail.