

Dog owner indicted on felony animal cruelty

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BRENTWOOD — A Greenland woman was indicted by a Rockingham Country grand jury on a felony count of animal cruelty.

Carol Pugh, 52, of 685 Portsmouth Ave., was indicted on the charge alleging she battered her dog when her criminal history included prior animal cruelty convictions.

Greenland police allege that on May 17 Pugh “repeatedly” struck her Bernese Mountain dog in the face and kicked it in the ribs while it cowered and yelped. A witness told police Pugh was angry because her dog ran off so she “repeatedly struck” and “continued to hit” the animal in the face with an open hand and closed fist. As she hit the dog, the police complaint alleges, she was “swearing and screaming.”

Police allege the witness asked Pugh to stop, at which point she kicked the dog in the ribs.

Pugh was found guilty of animal cruelty for beating a horse named “Honey” in the neck with a closed fist eight times on April 29, 1997. She was convicted of a second animal cruelty charge for holding “a grey and white dog” against a building and striking it four times in the chest, also on April 29, 1997.