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## Poodle fatally stabbed, woman charged

### 'The dog obviously suffered before it died': Humane Society

By AEDAN HELMER, Sun Media

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An Ottawa woman faces animal cruelty charges after a poodle was stabbed to death.

The body of the five-year-old poodle, named Morgan, was brought to the Ottawa Humane Society shelter on Jan. 19 by its owner.

Investigators believed the animal had been stabbed, and OHS veterinarians confirmed the suspicion, finding a knife wound in the dog's shoulder blade area.

"The dog obviously suffered before it died," said OHS inspector Miriam Smith. "It's incredibly shocking to see an animal treated this way. "No matter what the issues may be with a pet, violence is never the solution."

Abir Hamade, 24, was charged on Jan. 28 with two counts of animal cruelty, including unlawfully killing an animal and causing an animal unnecessary pain and suffering. She is due to appear in court March 24.

If convicted, the charges carry a maximum \$10,000 fine or five years in prison.



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