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Smokey - Dog Nearly Beaten To Death Will Go To Sanctuary

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Smokey, the dog that was beaten with a bat by his owners and run over with their car is getting a second chance for a new life at an animal sanctuary in Arizona.

The Rottweiler/collie mix faced euthanasia after he was nearly beaten to death by his owners who accused Smokey of biting a child and being aggressive.

Public outcry from animal loving social media fans and animal rights groups saved the dog's life.

Smokey will soon be on his way to [Tara's Babies Animals Welfare](#) sanctuary in Young, Arizona.

Smokey's saga began when Chasity Elliott and Robert Profitt took custody of the 5 year-old dog after he was accused of biting Elliott's younger brother. The dog had been living with Elliott's aunt.

Elliott and Profitt said Smokey continued to be aggressive in their home and on July 27, the couple decided to abandon the dog on a street corner in their hometown of Fairborn, Ohio.

However before they left the dog behind, Chasity Elliott's anger took over.

She grabbed a baseball bat and hit Smokey on his nose and back. Then Robert Profitt took hold of the bat and continued beating the dog. When they were through, Profitt ran over the dog with his car.

The pair said they began to feel guilty about their behavior and tried to take Smokey to an animal hospital, but it was closed, so they called the police.

The officer on the scene reported that Smokey was ["lying in the grass, bleeding from the eyes, mouth and face."](#)

Elliott and Profitt told police that Smokey was a stray, but information gathered revealed the truth. The couple was arrested.

Miraculously Smokey recovered from his injuries, but he was turned over to animal control to be euthanized.

His story attracted attention on social media websites and protests from supporters changed Smokey's fate.

The city of Fairborn agreed to relinquish Smokey to Tara's Babies rescue group. The organization saves *"dogs on death row in overcrowded shelters, through rescue, adoption and providing life-long care for dogs that cannot be adopted."*

Smokey's fans even paid the \$1,100 for his transportation from Ohio to the Arizona sanctuary. The dog has been in a cage at Fairborn animal control since last summer.

Robert Profitt has pleaded no contest to his charges and Chasity Elliott will stand trial in early January 2011.

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