

Animal abuse draws felony charge

(KAIR)--A Leavenworth man, accused of beating and burning a dog, has been formally charged with a felony.

According to a news release from Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, 57-year-old Lemuel Dean Hunter, Jr. is charged with felony cruelty to animals.

The charge stems from a crime that Thompson says happened Monday.

According to the release, Hunter made his first appearance in a Leavenworth County courtroom Wednesday, where bond was initially set at \$10,000.

According to *The Leavenworth Times*, Hunter was arrested Monday night after allegedly kicking a dog, beating it with a board, choking it, and burning it with a propane torch.

The newspaper reports the 3-year-old beagle/corgi mix, named Gracie, survived the alleged abuse.

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