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Woman Convicted of Stomping Chihuahua

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Yesterday, Laura Smith, of Redding, was convicted by a jury of Felony Cruelty to Animals. The jury deliberated for less than an hour before it returned a unanimous guilty verdict.

The charge stemmed from an incident on November 2, 2010, when a witness observed Smith yelling and pointing at Roxy, an approximately 7 lb chihuahua, to go home. The witness observed Smith kick Roxy and then walk toward Roxy and stomp on her. Roxy was rushed to Millville Veterinary Clinic by her owner and owner's daughter. Dr. Jennifer Presleigh tried a number of life saving measures to save Roxy's life however her injuries as the result of Smith stomping on her were too severe. Roxy died while at Millville Veterinary Clinic.

A necropsy was performed by Dr. Kenneth Haynes of Dana Park Veterinary Clinic. Dr. Haynes concluded that the stomp was the most likely cause of the injuries to Roxy which led to her death.

Smith is expected to be sentenced on October 28, 2011 at 1:30 in front of the Honorable Judge Gaul. Smith faces a possible sentence of 3 years in the County Jail.