

Court Marshals to Seize Puppies Over Debt

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Court marshals have threatened to take what is most precious from a pensioner who has failed to pay a debt — her three Shar Pei pedigree puppies, they said Friday.

The pensioner, whom court marshals did not identify, owes 350,000 rubles (\$11,330) to an individual in her hometown in the Kamchatka region in the Far East.

"If she does not fulfill her obligations within 10 days, the puppies will be sold by the Federal Agency for State Property Management," the marshals said in a statement on their site, FSSPrus.ru.

In Kamchatka, Shar Pei puppies fetch 15,000 rubles (\$485) each, news reports said. But the marshals said they would try to sell them for 5,000 rubles to attract more potential buyers.

They said the famously wrinkled Shar Pei puppies have been allowed for the time being to remain with the pensioner, who breeds them as her sole source of income because she has no property.

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