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Siberian Official Charged with Homicide After Stray Dog Attacks

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Packs of stray dogs are common sights in Russian cities.

Prosecutors in Siberia have charged a municipal official with negligent homicide after a pack of dogs killed a small boy allegedly as a result of the bureaucrat's failure to control his city's stray animal population.

The head of the utilities department in the municipal administration of Chita, Andrei Galimordanov, is held responsible for a series of stray dog attacks, some of them injuring children, and for the death of a young boy this spring, the regional prosecutor's office said in a statement Wednesday.

"Galimordanov has neglected his official duties to organize proper actions for the catching, transporting and sheltering of stray animals," the statement said. He is accused of "negligence that has lead to a person's death."

Case materials against Galimordanov list 18 dog attacks, 10 of them against children, Interfax reported.

In one of the incidents early this year, a pack of dogs bit a 10-year-old boy before he was rescued by a passerby, the report said.

That was followed by an attack that killed a 9-year-old boy on March 13, the report said.

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