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AURORA TOWNSHIP MAN GETS PRISON TERM FOR BEATING DOG

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An Aurora Township man has been sent to prison for beating his dog with a broomstick.

Phillip A. Rinn, 43 (d.o.b. 1-6-1969), of the 300 block of South Kendall Street, Aurora, was sentenced Thursday afternoon, May 31, 2012, by Circuit Judge Timothy Q. Sheldon to one year in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

On March 23, 2012, Rinn pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated cruelty, a Class 4 felony.

At about 8:30 p.m. Nov. 15, 2010, at his residence Rinn beat the dog, which he owned at the time, with a broomstick and part of a broken chair. The beating took place first in the house and then outside. Neighbors witnessed the beating and called police. Upon arrival, Kane County Sheriff's deputies saw that the dog had red marks on her head and blood near her mouth and nose. In addition, after Rinn was taken into custody, a veterinarian who treated the dog noted that the dog also suffered five broken teeth, swelling under her jaw, an injury to her right eye and skeletal injuries. Surgery and a root canal were required to repair the broken teeth.

The dog has been adopted and has recovered from the physical injuries.

Prosecutors noted during the hearing that Rinn in 1993 was convicted of animal cruelty, a Class A misdemeanor, for killing a dog by dragging it behind a car and then running over it.

According to state law, Rinn is eligible for day-for-day sentencing. He was given credit for at least two days served in the Kane County jail. Rinn had been free on \$100 bond.

"This sentence should clarify that the law considers pets to be more than just personal property, that domesticated animals are to be treated with love and care, and are not to be treated as disposable objects," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Reagan McGuire.