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Alhambra Man Pleads in Animal Cruelty Case

A 39-year-old man accused of pouring hot water on his neighbor's dog pleaded no contest yesterday, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Colin Matthew Gunther of Alhambra, was convicted of one misdemeanor count of cruelty to an animal.

The defendant was sentenced to five days in jail, 80 hours of community labor, and three years of probation. Additionally, Gunther must attend one year of animal cruelty classes, cannot contact the neighbor, and may not own any animals.

Prosecutors said on Jan. 8 Gunther poured hot water on his neighbor's Border Collie, which caused injury. The dog was taken to the veterinarian and treated for the minor wound.

The same day of the incident, Gunther was arrested in connection with the crime.

The case was investigated by the Alhambra Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.