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Lancaster Man Enters Plea in Animal Cruelty Case

A Lancaster man pleaded no contest today for punching and hurling his dog on the ground, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Robert Emmett Martin, 54, entered the plea to one felony count of cruelty to an animal in case MA063894.

Los Angeles County Superior Judge Charles Chung of the Antelope Valley Branch immediately sentenced Martin to five years formal probation, 90 days of community service and 24 animal cruelty prevention classes.

Martin also was prohibited from having any animal for 10 years. A restitution hearing was scheduled for Oct. 2 in Department A20.

On Aug. 8, the defendant was captured on video body slamming and punching his six-month-old pit bull mix named Daisy on East Lancaster Boulevard, prosecutors said.

Deputy District Attorney Lyle Riggs prosecuted the case.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Station.

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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](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.