

# DOG PARLOUR BAKED MY SHIH TZU TO DEATH



Treatment . . . dog grooming dryer blows warm air on wet pet in cage

Daisy . . . family said they found her in a 'shocking state'

## Puppy 'left' in dryer

**A DISTRAUGHT family told yesterday how their shih tzu puppy was "cooked" to death at a pet grooming parlour.**

Mum-of-three Sarah Melton said pedigree Daisy died in "unbearable" heat in a drying cage.

Sarah's son Travis, 15, left six-month-old Daisy at Pets at Home to have her fur cut, washed and dried, and her teeth cleaned.

He returned 90 minutes later to be told: "Your dog has died."

Travis tried to phone his parents but was too upset to speak - so the manager of the store in Sheffield, South Yorks, had to break the grim news.

Stepdad Stuart, 29, said: "He said there had been a tragic accident and our dog was dead. I was too shocked to reply."

Sarah said a member of staff had placed the pup in a drying cage - then went to lunch after asking two colleagues to keep an

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eye on her. The family do not know how long Daisy was left, but Sarah, 33, said: "She was in a shocking state when I saw her body, she must have gone through absolute hell."

"If anyone was in that room they would have been alerted by her whimpering. But nobody did anything and it carried on to the point where it was as if she was literally 'cooked'."

### Collapsed

"It must have been unbearable for her for quite some time until she finally collapsed and died."

Daisy, who has been cremated by the family, died from choking on vomit after becoming distressed. A vet's report noted possible signs of heat stroke.

Two staff have been suspended and an inquiry launched at the store. A spokesman said: "We have given our condolences to the family." [r.perrie@the-sun.co.uk](mailto:r.perrie@the-sun.co.uk)



Sad . . . Stuart with pet's ashes, and store