

Pet Dog 'Tiger' Lives Up to His Name, Fights Off Leopard to Save Owner's Life in Darjeeling

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A four-year-old pet dog fought a leopard to save his owner's life.

Kolkata: Dogs are widely called man's best friend. Loyalty is also just natural behaviour for dogs. In Darjeeling, a four-year-old pet dog lived up to their reputation and fought a leopard to save his owner's life. The incident took place at the house of 58-year-old Aruna Lama on Wednesday. Her pet dog named 'Tiger' exhibited a brave fight and chased away leopard who entered their house.

Aruna had gone to check her storeroom after she heard some noises. She saw a pair of glowing red eyes in the darkness. Before she could react, the leopard attacked her. Helpless Aruna was trying hard to save herself from sharp pawns of the animal but all efforts were in vain. 'Tiger', who was spending some leisure times in the room, sensed the danger and came to her rescue.

"My mother and I were sipping tea at our home in Naya Gaon, when we heard some noise from the storeroom under the kitchen. Since we keep live chicken there, she decided to check it out. When she opened the door, she stood transfixed for a few seconds before screaming out. At the same time, a dark figure pounced on her," Aruna's daughter Smriti Lama was quoted by TOI as saying.

'Tiger' jumped at the leopard barking ferociously. Taken completely aback at the furious strike by the dog, the animal released Aruna and fled into the darkness. "Tiger put himself between the leopard and my mother. He attacked the leopard without flinching. What a shock it must have dealt with the leopard!" Smriti said. Aruna sustained injuries on her head and ears and was undergoing treatment at a hospital.

Thanks to the 'Tiger', the only casualty in the incident was a chicken. The family found 'Tiger' in a malnourished condition during the 2017 statehood agitation.

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