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# Courts bite back over dog attacks

■ Jon Solmundson

A 48-year-old Geraldton man was handed a \$5800 fine after his dogs attacked and killed two family house cats on separate occasions.

Aaron Mark Miller appeared in Geraldton Magistrate's Court last Thursday facing three counts of possession of unlawfully obtained property, one count of selling methylamphetamine, one count of threats to injure or harm a person, and 10 dog charges.

Miller had previously pleaded guilty to all charges except one possession of unlawfully obtained property, and while sentencing on other matters was adjourned to May 9, the dog charges were dealt with in his Thursday appearance.

The council prosecutor said Miller's two dogs had injured two pet cats on separate days, killing them.

Magistrate Donna Webb said this

was at the top end of offending for dog charges.

"You think if you were a cat owner, how distraught you would be if two dogs killed your cats," she said. "These were family pets."

Ms Webb said she did not want to see the photos of the cats' corpses after the attacks, but on realising the two cats were killed in separate incidents, and how serious the penalty would have to be, she relented.

"At least I can say they weren't torn apart," she said.

The Department of Corrective Services also reported a less than perfect record of Miller's participation, with two dirty urine tests—both containing cannabis and one methylamphetamine.

"I thought I was allowed to smoke dope to get off the meth?" Miller protested.

Ms Webb said while it was recognised by the court that cannabis was used as a support for people to get themselves off harder drugs, it was still against the law.



## Morning tea that spans the generations

Marilyn Heyhoe and her grandchildren, Sahba Horstman and Asha Heyhoe, shared some good food and company as the young and old came together last week for Stathalbyn Christian College's annual Grandfriends Morning Tea. Kids from pre-primary to Year 6 also seized the chance to show off their musical talents and give classroom tours. **REPORT PAGE 14**

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