

## Woman suing dog's former owner for attack

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NEW YORK -- A woman who was mauled by her dog is suing the animal's former owner in New York for allegedly masking its true nature.

According to a recent lawsuit filed by Nancy Guastini in federal court, Frank Farella drugged his Labrador retriever to hide the dog's vicious nature prior to her purchase of the animal, the New York Daily News said Monday.

Guastini's suit for unspecified damages alleges once she purchased the seemingly-calm dog and took it home to Connecticut, the animal suddenly attacked her.

"I have an identical (twin) sister and I don't look like her anymore," the 43-year-old said of the injuries she suffered in the attack.

In her suit, Guastini alleges Farella informed her the Valium he gave the dog was to prevent the animal from becoming ill during her trip home.

Guastini told the newspaper she suspects Farella abused the dog, that has since been euthanized, and that history of violence caused the sudden attack.

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