

Accused Feline to Learn Fate Next Month

Lewis the cat faces a June 20 hearing for allegedly attacking his owners neighbors.

Lewis, a six-toed domestic longhair cat whose alleged attacks have landed his owner in legal trouble, will learn his fate in a Connecticut court next month.

During a court hearing on Tuesday, May 23, Lewis owner, Ruth Cisero, was in court on a charge of second-degree reckless endangerment. A hearing was set for June 20 to determine whether she could get special probation and have the cats life spared.

Cisero recently withdrew her bid for special probation and opted for trial because she would have had to allow Lewis to be euthanized.

Neighbors said they've been terrorized by Lewis, stating that the feline has attacked at least a half-dozen people. One woman that Lewis allegedly attacked on Feb. 20 said in a letter to prosecutors she would only agree to probation for Cisero if the cat were put to death.

Janet Kettman, one of the neighbors, said Monday she was attacked twice by Lewis. In the second attack last December, Kettman said Lewis bit her three times and left about eight deep scratches.

Lewis case has gained national attention and led to at least one website in the cats honor. A few animal-rights protesters showed up Tuesday wearing T-shirts in support of Cisero and Lewis. Posted: May 24, 2006, 5:00 a.m. EST