



Jack Russell HERO intervenes during near deadly burglary

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Four years ago, Shu of Salt Lake City, Utah brought home an energetic Jack Russell terrier puppy named Kismet. Little did she know, one day that tiny terrier would help save her life, which is exactly what happened when the brave Jack Russell intervened during a violent home invasion that left both him and his owner critically injured, and thankful to be alive. Kismet's incredible courage and heartwarming recovery has earned him the title of "Most Unusual Claim of the Month" by Nationwide, the nation's first and largest provider of pet health insurance.

The terrifying tale begins with Shu returning home from work in the mid-afternoon. Kismet greeted his owner at the door and instantly became her shadow, following her throughout the apartment. Shu was feeling tired after a long shift and decided to lay down for a short nap until her husband Kase was scheduled to return from work.

"I laid down to rest and Kismet jumped up on the bed to join me," said Shu. "We fell asleep together until I heard the front door creak open. I thought it was just my husband coming home, so I did not get up."

A few seconds after the door closed, Kismet began to growl. Shu attempted to calm the terrier down, but he eventually erupted into a sporadic bark. At that moment, Shu turned around and saw a man enter her room with his face covered in a bandana. The man had broken into the apartment with robbery as a motive, but his intentions quickly turned violent. Before Shu could say a word, the man began to strike her with a wooden object.

"I couldn't believe what was happening," said Shu. "At first I thought someone was playing a joke on me, but then he started hitting me and I was fighting for my life."

As Shu tried to defend herself, Kismet sprung into action and started attacking the intruder's legs and arms. However, the situation escalated when the assailant uncovered a knife and struck Shu with a puncturing blow. Knowing the fight was turning, Shu pretended to pass out and the attacker left the room, but Kismet was not ready to back down. The determined dog recharged the attacker with a fury. As the invader struggled to fight off the mighty mutt, Shu saw her chance and sprinted out the front door.

As Shu sprinted out the door, Kismet held the intruder off just long enough until he turned his knife on the courageous canine and delivered a critical blow. Shu ran down the stairs of her apartment complex as she bled heavily, while the attacker chased after her. She reached a business on the first floor of the building and screamed for help

while banging on a window. The employees inside took notice and rushed to help her. She immediately pointed towards the attacker who was close behind. The good Samaritans called for emergency services and followed the man long enough to get his license plate. The assailant was arrested within a few hours of the attack.

"As soon as I was safe, I wanted to go find Kismet, but I was injured pretty badly," said Shu. "All I could think about in the ambulance was Kismet. I just wanted to know if he was going to be okay."

Kase had returned home moments after the attack and recruited some friends to help. While Kase accompanied his wife at the hospital, the friends rushed Kismet to Advanced Veterinary Care of Salt Lake City for treatment. Both Shu and Kismet underwent major surgery upon arrival.

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Since the incident, Shu and Kismet have made full recoveries and returned to living their lives without fear. Shu is thankful for the aid she's received from her community and the pet insurance support she received from Nationwide.

"I'm just relieved that we both made it," said Shu. "The help we received from everyone was amazing. The community helped pay for Kismet's daycare costs, and I can't thank the veterinarians enough for saving his life. Having Kismet insured through Nationwide helped tremendously with the costs as well." 🐾



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