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Dog owner pays dearly for mismatch

MIAMI (Reuter) This is the story of star-crossed lovers named Rocky and Canella — a Chihuahua and a Rottweiler.

The determined little Rocky managed to impregnate Canella, a seemingly impossible feat. Rocky's owner was ordered by a court recently to pay \$2,500, plus \$67 in court costs.

Canella's owner, Kevin Foley, had wanted to find her a more suitable mate and sell the puppies for up to \$400 apiece.

There is apparently not much of a market for Chihuahua-Rottweiler mutts.

A veterinarian recommended it was not "safe or desirable" for the dog to have the pups or to have an abortion. He recommended a hysterectomy, and Canella is now sterile.

Monroe County Judge William Ptomey found that the "defendant's male Chihuahua (Rocky) entered plaintiff's property and Canella" when Foley went inside his house for a moment to get dog food.