







## Miami puppy dog store owner fined for dyeing his Pomeranian red and yellow to look like Pokemon character PIKACHUaa

A Miami dog owner who dyed his puppy red and yellow to resemble the Pokemon character Pikachu and showed it off at the Miami Heat basketball game is now getting some heat himself.

Owner Erik Torres was seen in a video proudly holding his colorful furball named Zaza at the Monday night game, catching the attention of one of the commentators who said: 'I don't think that dog signed off on that paint job,' 7News Miami reported.



Many called the bizarre stunt animal abuse and the pet owner was slapped with a \$200 fine for violating Miami-Dade County Ordinance 5-12A, which states it's illegal to be in possession of any dyed or artificially colored animal.

Torres said he did not dye Zaza himself but sent the family pet to California for the makeover, a surprise for his young daughter who is a huge Pokemon fan.

He claimed that he did his homework beforehand and used a dye that was safe for dogs and horses. He also said that he was not aware he was doing anything unlawful.

'I did my research, and I knew that in no way or form would this affect my animal, my dog,' he said.



