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Hayden Panettiere starred in one of the more bizarre real life doggie dilemmas in recent times. Thankfully it's now settled, but it cost the actress some dough.

Last July, Hayden was sued by Tia Brooks for unpaid dog-sitting duties. Hayden reportedly got two rescue pups and left them with a dog sitter for six years. Court records show that she shelled out almost \$120,000 for the sitter.

Let that soak in: the woman was a dog sitter for six years!

However, according to TMZ, Hayden claimed that the woman wasn't doing right by dog-sitting standards and gave them away while still putting up a facade that she was caring for them. All the while, she was billing Hayden, the actress claimed.

Hayden, in turn, stopped paying Tia, forcing the six-year dog mom to sue the "Nashville" star for the balance of \$8,500.

On Wednesday, TMZ reported that the case was finally settled without much barking. The two agreed to split the difference and Hayden forked over a check for \$4,250.