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Wagner College students were treated to an unusual scene recently when a car that appeared to be driven by a dog jumped the curb near the anchor outside Harborview Hall.

Fido honks the horn in a shaggy-dog story

Pooch wasn't really driving car that came to grief on Wagner College road, it only looked that way

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It seemed unbelievable: A car had jumped a curb at Wagner College, close to the campus' iconic anchor, and the silver Toyota's lone occupant was a suspicious-looking dog, who was honking the horn with his backside.

But despite appearances, we're told by campus officials that the dog wasn't driving.

The wacky scene unfolded on the afternoon of March 21 at Wagner, near the high-rise Harborview Hall. It seems a freshman student was being picked up by someone unfamiliar with the campus terrain. Somehow, the driver ended up on the curb, caused some minor damage and lost a bumper in the process.

But the strangest part was the scene that unfolded when

the driver went to summon help, leaving a dog behind. The pooch jumped into the driver's seat, and began using its backside to beep the horn, loudly and repeatedly.

It drew the attention of many students walking nearby during lunchtime, taking pictures and having a good laugh on Twitter.

"There was no one around the car — it was just the dog," said freshman Danielle Fiandaca, who was among several who commented about it on Twitter.

She and classmate Danielle Scindian surveyed the scene: "We stood there for a moment trying to comprehend how someone drives onto the curb when there is plenty of room to drive up the hill."

They didn't want to think the dog was at the wheel at the moment of impact, but for a moment, it sure looked that way.

A Wagner spokesman confirmed that a friend of a student was indeed at the wheel when the car rode up on the short concrete containment wall. No injuries were reported in the incident.