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Pit bull earns its keep, maybe even an extra treat

Posted by [The Oregonian](#) January 31, 2008 13:02PM

Most people teach their dogs not to bite. But there's a time and place for everything.

The time was early this morning. The place was Troutdale.

A 19-year-old woman took her dog outside and was grabbed by a man.

That's when the dog, a pit bull, came to her rescue.

Troutdale police say the dog bit the man -- hard enough that he let the woman go.

The attack occurred about 12:50 a.m., at an apartment complex in the 600 block of Southwest 257th Avenue.

The man is thought to be 25 to 30 years old, 5-foot-10 and 170 pounds. He wore dark pants and a black hooded sweatshirt. Anyone with information is asked to call 503-665-6129.

Sgt. Marc Shrake, a Troutdale police spokesman, said it is unusual for someone to attack a person in the presence of their dog.

"Especially with it being a pit bull," he said.

The suspect was last seen running away.

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