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Dog bite in Ashburn prompts search

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Loudoun County Animal Care and Control is looking for a Dalmatian that bit a jogger in Ashburn Sunday, according to Animal Control spokeswoman Laura Danis.

The victim was jogging on a bike path near Greenwich Square between 11:30 and 11:45 a.m. Sunday when he passed a man walking a purebred Dalmatian on a leash, Danis said. As the jogger passed, the dog lunged and bit him on the leg below the knee, she said.

Danis described the person walking the dog as a white man in his late 40s or early 50s, measuring 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 11 inches tall, and weighing 180-200 pounds. The man is a smoker and was wearing a blue sweatshirt, jeans, a hat and headphones at the time of the attack, Danis said.

"The purpose of our investigation is to verify that the dog has been properly licensed and vaccinated," said Animal Control Officer Donald Longerbeam. "We would also like to speak with the dog's owner and ensure that the dog is not a threat to others in the neighborhood."

Call Animal Control at 703-777-0406 if you have any information about the dog or its owner.

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