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## Pack of Dogs Attacks Westmoreland Woman

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**Updated:** She was hospitalized after the incident in a Huntington neighborhood. [Includes exclusive video](#)

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A Westmoreland woman suffered multiple puncture wounds after she was attacked by a pack of dogs Monday morning.

The attack happened about 8 a.m. at [3442 Hughes St.](#) in the Wayne County section of Huntington.

Witnesses and animal control officers said a half-dozen dogs attacked the woman, who was not immediately identified. She suffered 15 wounds and was taken by ambulance to a Huntington hospital, where she was treated and released.

"The first officer on the scene, he informed me there were a pack of dogs here," said humane officer Steve Hofmeister. "Anytime he went after one, the pack would charge at him."

Several humane officers rounded up the dogs as their owner arrived.

Michael Coalgrove said he was shocked by the incident. "You can ask anyone on the neighborhood. They're wonderful, wonderful dogs," Coalgrove said. "Nothing like this has ever happened."

But one neighbor, Paul Altizer, disagreed. He said the dogs may look sweet one minute but can be vicious the next.

"I won't let my grandchildren or wife walk down through here," Altizer said.

The dogs were taken to the [Huntington-Cabell-Wayne Animal Control Shelter](#), where they will be quarantined for 10 days.

Police said the victim identified four of the dogs at the shelter as ones that attacked her.

Once the 10 days are up, Coalgrove must pay \$60 per dog to take them home. He also must prove they have had rabies shots or get them for the animals.

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