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Terrier 'torn to

Friday, 27 May 2005

A JACK Russell terrier was literally "torn to pieces" at Kalaru recently and had to be put down due to the extent of its injuries, according to its owners.

The 10 year old terrier was attacked on its owners' property by two large dogs.

The police were called and passed the matter over to Bega Valley Shire Council rangers who investigated the attack.

Following a number of other complaints of similar unprovoked attacks on dogs in the area the rangers set a trap and caught one of the dogs.

The owner was subsequently traced and fined.

The owner surrendered the offending dog, a large mastiff, to council rangers who later put it down.

Further inquiries revealed that the owner of the two dogs had previously been served with a nuisance dog order in another shire for the same offences of dogs roaming constantly and attacks on other animals.

In a sequel to these events, several days later the rangers issued a further on the spot fine to the same owner for his second dog, a large Irish wolfhound, that had been again straying onto adjoining properties.

Ranger John Flanagan said a nuisance dog order had since been served on the man.

"It is critical that dog owners act responsibly to ensure their dogs are under effective control at all times," he said.

"Council rangers will respond to all dog attacks and fines or court action will be initiated for breaches of the legislation".

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