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BODY:

SAVAGE dog attacks in successive days have left two Tasmanian men with terrible injuries.

One man was having surgery at the Royal Hobart Hospital last night after he was mauled by his pet dog.

RHH staff said the Geeveston man was in a serious condition and would be transferred to the hospital's intensive care unit after surgery.

Police were called to the man's house in Kermandie Rd, Geeveston, yesterday morning.

They said relatives found the man in a pool of blood and called an ambulance.

It appeared the neapoliton mastiff, similar to a bull mastiff, attacked his owner, who lived alone with the dog.

The man had lost a lot of blood and had serious injuries to his neck. A relative later shot the dog.

In another attack, a postie was viciously bitten by a dog while delivering mail in Glenorchy on Monday morning.

A man, who did not want to be identified, told The Mercury he was in the waiting room of the O'Briens Bridge Medical Centre when the postie came in seeking help.

"He was in a right bloody mess," the man said.

"His hand was mauled, he had bite marks down his leg and there was blood everywhere.

"It was like a steak had been carved out of him," he said of the man's buttock injury.

He understood the dog, on the postman's route in Noel St, was a pit bull.

The incidents follow attacks by two staffordshire terriers in Launceston less than three weeks ago which left a woman and her son badly hurt.

Australia Post state communications manager Janice Mascini confirmed the postie episode in Glenorchy.

The man was treated for bites on the hand and bottom, she said.

"He is back at work but on light duties because he does need a few days to recover," she said.

He was one of 11 Tasmanian posties to have been attacked by a dog in the past year, she said.

The Glenorchy City Council was notified of the attack.

Communications Electrical Plumbing Union secretary Peter Miller said there were fewer dog attacks these days, but dogs were still a problem and it was compulsory for posties to notify management about dangerous ones.