



## **Anger as dog is attacked in park**

**A DOG lover is terrified of returning to a park in Warminster after her beloved Jack Russell was the victim of a savage attack.**

Nicola Bryant, 40, of Westleigh, Warminster was horrified when her friend Steve Marsh came back after walking her dog on Friday, April 6, to say it had been attacked by another dog.

Jack Russell Ollie, which was six years old on Saturday, was left with a two inch rip in its stomach needing four stitches, after an attack by a German Shepherd at the Fore Street recreational ground in Warminster.

The dog had to be rushed to Harris, Hill and Warner veterinary hospital, in Haynes Road, Westbury and now Miss Bryant faces medical bills of around £240.

She said: "It has caused such a lot of grief. I just want to know that I can walk safely with my dog around the area."

Miss Bryant, a resources clerk for the education centre at Battlesbury Barracks, in Woodcock Road, added: "The owner of the German Shepherd said his dog had never done anything like it before and then said it would be kept on a lead to stop it happening again. But, on seeing the extent of the bill he is now denying the dog made any contact with mine."

Miss Bryant feels if it hadn't been for her friend fending off the dog then Ollie could have died.

She said: "If I had of been there I wouldn't have been able to fend it off and wouldn't have stood a chance."

Mr Marsh, 49, of South Street, Warminster said he will be wary when returning to the park.

He said: "The dog was lying down on its stomach before he charged and bit Ollie as he ran by. I swung for him and shouted at him to get off and he just ran on by.

"I put my hand down and found blood all over my hand. He was in a lot of pain. The other dog looked quite young and the owner has told me that it wouldn't happen again."

Principal environmental health officer at West Wiltshire District Council,

Graham Steady said: "Anyone who lets their dog off the lead needs to be sure that they can control the dog and it is an offence for a dog not to be kept in control.

"Dog on dog attacks are private matters between the two owners involved."

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