

Woman seriously injured by dog attack

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A 41-year-old woman from Vanscoy, Sask., is in hospital with serious injuries after being mauled by two large dogs Tuesday afternoon.

RCMP said the dogs were shot and killed Wednesday morning. Police haven't been able to find the owners.

RCMP spokeswoman Heather Russell said the woman was out for an afternoon run at the Saskatoon-area community when the dogs attacked.

She has been identified as Jackie Derald, a married mother of twin boys who works as an OR nurse at Saskatoon's St. Paul's Hospital.

In a written statement, her husband Kevin said her injuries were to her hands, arms and legs. Her face wasn't injured, though she did receive some small lacerations to the back of her head. She underwent surgery Wednesday and is scheduled for more on Thursday.

Police believe the animals were likely guard dogs from a nearby business. It's not clear how they got loose.

A neighbour saw the dogs attack and called police, Russell said.

"One of our members was actually very close by and he was able to attend within a couple of minutes," she said.

When the officer found Derald in a ditch, the dogs were still there, too.

"There was one dog right near the woman and [it] still had a hold of her arm," Russell said.

The officer yelled at the dogs and managed to chase them away. An ambulance took the woman to hospital.

Russell said the search for the dogs ended just before 9 a.m. Wednesday when police located the animals and shot them.

"The decision was made by the officer on the scene to destroy these dogs," she said. "They had been involved in a serious incident yesterday, so that was the decision that was taken."