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Canine monster attacks two boys in park

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TWO boys have been left traumatised after being attacked by a vicious dog as they played football in a Cambridge park.

The youngsters were training with team Chesterton Eagles near Buchan Street when an Alsatian ran up and pushed one of the lads to the floor.

As they struggled with the monster, it mauled them and left them with bruises and scratches which required medical attention.

Police are now investigating the terrifying attack, which has left the two 11-year-olds traumatised.

Team coach Michael Brown said: "The boys were about to start their warm-up. They had run about halfway round when I heard the boys screaming. There was a big Alsatian dog pulling one of the boys down to the ground and then it turned round and grabbed one of the other boys by the back and arm.

"It was attacking the other boys, and I ran over. The owner was trying to grab the dog. There was no control.

"My partner was with me, and she took the boys off to get first aid, and I stayed with the owners of the dog and waited for the police.

"The dog was vicious as anything. It wasn't on a proper lead just a bit of rope and there wasn't a muzzle. There were passers-by, and the dog was going for them as well.

"One of the boys had to go to hospital and one had to go to the doctors. The boys are only 10 to 11-years-old, they're quite small."

One of the boys hurt was Remi Loader, 11, who was left with cuts and bruises on his back and shoulder. His little sister Alexis, three, was attacked by a dog who bit her face two months ago.

Today, their mum Mandy, of Hanson Court, Arbury, said the children were now scared to go out.



Remi, his mum Mandy, and sister Alexis, who was bitten two months ago by another dog



Remi showing his wounds after the dog attacked him

She said: "He's traumatised. I took him to the doctors and we rode down on the bike. He saw two dogs and he froze.

"My daughter is only three, and she was bit in the face two months ago. It's the scare factor every time they see a dog. People say they won't bite, but that's what happened to my daughter.

"My son had his tetanus done and I've got to keep an eye on him to check the wound doesn't get infected. Luckily he didn't need stitches.

"I was shouting at the owners 'the dog should have had a muzzle, it should have been on a lead'. I ran over there with my daughter and forgot what she'd been through. She was hysterical. It went for me and her as well."

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A police spokesman said officers had spoken to all concerned and were investigating. The dog is currently housed in kennels.

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