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A POSTMAN was savagely attacked by a dog during his rounds in Port Glasgow.

The man was set upon in Southfield Avenue yesterday morning while delivering mail.

He was rushed to Inverclyde Royal but was allowed home later in the day.

The extent of the postman's injuries are not known.

A Royal Mail spokesperson said: "A postman was attacked by a dog in Southfield Avenue, Port Glasgow, and was taken to hospital and was released later.

"Royal Mail takes very seriously the safety of its employees — particularly our front-line postmen and women who deliver the mail.

"Unfortunately dog attacks are a hazard faced by our employees — but our main aim is to prevent attacks.

"We have an on-going campaign to raise awareness of the issue among our customers.

"We look for the co-operation of our customers and we encourage the public to take responsibility for keeping their pets indoors at the time of mail deliveries.

"Royal Mail fully support employees who make complaints about being attacked, with a view to seeking prosecution. We will be writing to the owner of the dog asking them to make sure that the animal is kept under control.

"In extreme cases, Royal Mail may stop delivering mail to addresses where there is a particular problem — but this only happens as a last resort."

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