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## Dog shot after face bite attack

**A runaway dog that bit a woman in the face has been shot following a hunt by armed police in County Durham.**

A cordon was put in place around the cemetery and allotments in Chester Road, Stanley, where it was last seen.

A spokesman said the decision to shoot the animal was taken on grounds of public safety.

The bull mastiff had bitten its owner's 70-year-old mother-in-law on Thursday night as she attempted to coax it out of the cemetery.

The dog ran off soon after its owner brought it home about two weeks ago.

A tip-off led the family to the cemetery, where the woman was attacked when she tried to tempt the animal with some food.

She was treated in hospital for bite wounds and bruising around her eye and is now recovering at home.

Story from BBC NEWS:

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