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Woman's dog bite ordeal

A YOUNG Scarborough woman has been scarred for life after being bitten by a dog in a vicious attack and is now pleading for it to be put down.

Jaydene Rumney of Queens Terrace, has severe facial scars after the black West Highland Terrier attacked her but the owners have said they will not be putting the dog down.

Jaydene said she was attacked when she went to her friend's house in Moor Lane, Newby, in the early hours after her shift at Bolyen's night club, where she works.

She asked her friend, whose father owns the dog, if it was okay to stroke it and she was told it was fine.

However while she was stroking, it jumped and attacked her face.

Jaydene said: "I was just sat stroking it when it suddenly went for me. It grabbed the inside of my mouth and bit my nose and cheek. There was blood everywhere and I was sick from the shock.

"I was taken to hospital by the owner's sister where I had 15 stitches. It was so painful."

Jaydene is yet to find if her nose is broken from the attack as there is still severe swelling. But she has been told she will have permanent scarring on her nose and may have nerve damage in her mouth.

Jaydene's mum, Jayne Bedford-Forbes, of Princess Royal Terrace, rushed to hospital to see her daughter after the attack and was shocked when she saw her.

Mrs Bedford-Forbes said: "I just couldn't believe what had happened. She was completely unrecognisable. Her face was all swollen and she just looked so scared. That dog should not be allowed to be in contact with other human beings if it is capable of doing something like this. It needs to be put down. Any other mother in my situation would feel the same."

Jaydene said: "I want to let people know that this dog is dangerous and people need to be careful. I used to love dogs, I have been brought up with them and been around them all my life. But since the attack I can't go near them and I get really scared whenever I see one, even if it is a puppy. What if it was a baby next time, I am certain it could kill it. It needs to be put down for everybody's safety."

A spokesman for Scarborough Police said: "Miss Rumney came to our front counter on Saturday to report an incident at 3.30am involving a black Westie. Police spoke to her but stated that as far as we were concerned it was a civil matter. We have liaised with a solicitor and the dog warden, who has greater powers, and told them we would not be taking any action."

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