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A relieved Debbie Johnson nurses Harry, while fireman Ray Eggins holds Tiny Tot. Picture: JACKLYN WAGNER

### Firemen to the rescue as alsatian attacks pup

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DEBBIE JOHNSON has called for dog owners to take more responsibility for their pets after nearly having her beloved miniature terrier Harry torn to shreds by a roaming alsatian.

Debbie was walking Harry and her chihuahua shitzu Tiny Tot down Pleasant Street, near her Goonellabah home, about 7pm on Friday, when she spied the dog on the footpath ahead.

As she picked up her two dogs and went to run, the alsatian bounded over and tore Harry from her arms.

She kicked and punched her pup's attacker while 'screaming and squawking' her head off, all to no avail.

Thankfully Goonellabah NSW Fire Brigade deputy captain Ray Eggins and firefighters Andrew Snape and Andrew Osborne passed by at just the right time, spotting a distressed Debbie in trouble.

When the three burly firefighters leapt from their truck the alsatian ran off.

Harry escaped without serious injury, thanks to his thick fur, but Debbie said it was only a matter of time before the dog killed something or someone.

"It should be declared dangerous," she said, adding if owners weren't going to take responsibility Lismore City Council should take action.

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