

ENFIELD INDEPENDENT

Horror dog attack scars pet and owner

A PET boxer dog was left in a critical condition last week, after an unrelenting attack from three other dogs in an Enfield park, his owner claims.

Steve Mills, who also suffered injuries in the horrific attack, was walking seven-year-old Harvey in Jubilee Park at 10.30pm last Wednesday, when three large dogs came out of nowhere and set upon them.

Mr Mills, from Enfield, said: "It was 20 minutes of unrelenting attacks - it was the most horrific thing I've ever seen in my life."

He said he walked Harvey on a lead when the park was quiet because he was not very good around strangers.

"Three bull-mastiff type dogs ran towards me so I pulled Harvey away, but his harness and lead just came off. I was shouting and screaming at the dogs, then the owner ran across."

The dogs were not on leads and the owner tried to pull them off Harvey but the attack only ended when the dogs had become tired, said Mr Mills.

He said: "They were like wild dogs. This fellow, he did his best, but he couldn't handle one of his dogs let alone three."

"If I had a child with me it could have been killed. It was unrelenting and so vicious."

Harvey was left with around 15 injuries, including a large wound to his stomach. He remains in an animal hospital in Wanstead.

Mr Mills said: "At the hospital they said they were the most horrific injuries they had seen from a dog fight. But I keep saying it wasn't a dog fight, he wasn't in a position to fight back."

After the attack Harvey was lifeless and Mr Mills was unable to obtain information from the other dog-owner.

He said: "Harvey was either playing dead through instinct or was dying. I don't know. I was huddled over him on the floor, growling at them to try to scare them off. I didn't take the owner's details as I wasn't in a position to. I was curled over my dog to protect it."

Mr Mills took Harvey to the vets, before going to hospital himself for the

injuries he sustained.

Mr Mills said a report was made to Enfield Police at Edmonton Green Police Station the following day. The police were not able to comment before going to print.

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