



Dog mauled by Great Dane

HE never stood a chance.

The Miniature Pinscher was no match for the Great Dane that bounded out of the bushes and sank its teeth into his tiny body.

Seven-year-old Magic could do nothing to defend himself against his huge assailant, who attacked without warning. His owners, Hampshire pensioners Norman and Celia Round, watched in horror as their prize-winning pet was savaged by the other animal.

They rushed him to their vet, who attempted to save the badly injured animal. However, he discovered that Magic was bleeding internally and would have to be put down.

Now Mr and Mrs Round say the Great Dane's owners should be located and ordered to keep their dog under control.

"It's a very great threat to other dogs and will probably attack again," said Mrs Round. "Next time it could be a child."

She and her husband were exercising Magic and their two English setters when the attack took place at Highland Water, near Lyndhurst. Mrs Round, 65, of The Custards, Lyndhurst, said: "Suddenly a Great Dane charged out of the bushes like a missile.

"It was a very traumatic moment - I thought Magic was going to die there and then. Dogs get involved in the odd scrap but I'd never seen anything like this."

Equally shocking was the apparent lack of concern shown by the Great Dane's owners.

Mr Round, 69, said: "They managed to put it on a lead and then just walked off. I shouted 'you're lucky you haven't got a dead dog here' but they didn't even look over their shoulder."

Mr and Mrs Round got Magic back to their car and took him to Ringwood vet David Badger.

Mrs Round said: "He thought Magic had a 50-50 chance but discovered the Great Dane's teeth had punctured a main artery. He was bleeding internally

and it couldn't be stopped."

Magic was a prize-winning show dog who qualified for Crufts, but his owners run a shop and were unable to leave their business.

The couple were enjoying one of their favourite walks when he was attacked on October 26. Mrs Round added: "Magic never stood a chance. He weighed only four or five kilograms but the Great Dane must have been more like 45-50 kilograms."

Following the incident the couple contacted New Forest District Council's dog warden, Neil Burton, who advised them to call the police. A police spokesman urged anyone with information to ring the safer neighbourhoods team at Totton police station on 0845 045 4545.

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