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Dogs Attack, Kill Pet Cats

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HOUSTON -- Residents in a Conroe subdivision said a pack of dogs is terrorizing and killing their cats, and they want something done about it, KPRC Local 2 reported Monday.

Animal control officials have not been able to locate the dogs or their owner, who could face a violation of the city's leash laws and a fine of up to \$500.

Joann Hill said her cat was mauled by the dogs last week.

"She just lays there now," Hill said. "She won't play or anything anymore. I hope she makes it. I don't know."

Hill said she was watching television at about midnight when she heard barking at her front door.

"When I went out there, there were three black labs. One of them had (my cat) in its mouth and they were, like, shaking her," she said.

Hill managed to chase off the dogs.

A few hours later, Ann Waller's cat, Scout, became their next victim.

"I saw my cat laying in the driveway, so I picked him up and brought him in the house right away. He was in bad shape," she said. "He probably died about five minutes later."

Ever since Scout died, Waller has spent hours patrolling the Rivershire subdivision searching for the dogs.

Neighbors said at least half a dozen cats have been mauled in the past two weeks.

"We'd like some kind of justification for the cats that have been lost," Waller said.

"Our animal control officers have looked -- both day shifts and night shifts, trying to find these dogs. We've set traps out in the area," said Sgt. Bob Berry with the Conroe Police Department.

Conroe police and animal control are asking pet owners to keep their animals inside or fenced in, in accordance with city ordinance.

"Make sure they're in the house, especially since you don't know when these dogs will be out, and I don't want to take that chance again," Waller said.

Waller wants to pass out warning letters to neighbors about the dog attacks.

The dogs are described as healthy and well fed, leading officials to believe that they are not strays.

Anyone with information about the dogs is asked to contact the Conroe Police Dispatch at 936-522-3200.

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