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## Cannon Beach woman cited for dog bite incident

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CANNON BEACH - A Cannon Beach woman was cited for violating the city's nuisance dog ordinance after a pug mix bit another woman who was walking her baby on Elk Land Drive.

Janice A. McKinley, 48, who was cited, told Cannon Beach police officer Chris Wilbur that she had built a 6-foot high fence to prevent such an incident.

She said the five dogs she owns were locked in the pen when she left home, and she didn't know how they could have gotten out on their own. The pug had a current rabies vaccination and dog license.

Wilbur was dispatched to the intersection of Elk Land Drive and Glenwood Court after Erin Armbruster, 22, of Cannon Beach, called 9-1-1 from her cell phone saying she was being attacked by two dogs. The incident occurred Nov. 26.

Armbruster said she was frightened that she would be bitten again if she tried to move away from the dogs. She was with her 7-month-old daughter, who was in a stroller.

Wilbur said in his police report that when he arrived, he saw five dogs sitting on the porch of a house in the 400 block of Glenwood Court. Two of the dogs were not restrained; the other three were on leashes.

Wilbur said he started to walk Armbruster home, but the two unrestrained dogs, a pug mix and a black Labrador mix, came off the porch and ran toward them into the road. The dogs were barking and growling, and when they came within six feet of Wilbur and Armbruster, Wilbur sprayed the dogs with pepper spray. The dogs returned to the porch.

Armbruster told Wilbur that, as she was pushing the stroller along Elk Land Drive, the pug mix and Labrador ran towards her and lunged at her. She said the Lab's fur was standing up and the dog was showing its teeth. The pug ran behind her and bit her on the back of her right calf, Armbruster said. She did not seek medical care.

Wilbur took a photo of the bite mark and described it in the report as "two small red marks" that barely broke the skin on the back of Armbruster's calf.

Leroy Karge, an employee of the Cannon Beach RV Resort, located near the incident, told Wilbur that 10 minutes prior to the attack he had seen all five dogs running loose in the road and on the RV resort property. Karge said he put three of the dogs on leashes but was unable to restrain the two dogs that attacked Armbruster.

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