

## Woman feels police dog's bite



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### **A WOMAN was bitten by a police dog after accidentally surprising the animal during the Prime Minister's XI cricket match in Canberra.**

The woman, thought to be aged between 25 and 35, was bitten on the forearm when she tried to pat the dog, which was alongside its police handler at Manuka Oval, police said.

ACT police are using the incident to warn people to be wary of the highly-trained canines and not to view them as friendly pets.

"She approached the dog from behind whilst the dog was seated on the hill and attempted to pat the animal," a police spokesman said.

"The animal was surprised and reacted to the approach. It turned around and bit her on the forearm."

The woman was given medical treatment at the ground, he said. It was unclear if she actually touched the dog.

The spokesman said the dog did not pose a danger to the public, but encouraged people to use caution around all police dogs.

"They're a working dog, they're not a home pet," he said. "Normally we use them in violent conflicts, area searches and search warrants. It's an unfortunate incident, but also a timely reminder."

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