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## Police dog put down after biting walker

AN ALSATIAN used for breeding police dogs has been destroyed after it attacked a woman on a New Year walk.

West Yorkshire Police said the German Shepherd bitch had been placed into the care of a member of the force's staff shortly before the attack.

Chief Superintendent Dick Rothwell said the staff member had been advised to take the dog home and let it settle into its new surroundings.

He had been keen to give the dog a home and had received a full explanation of its history.

But at about 11.30am yesterday, the worker took it for a walk at West Ardsley Reservoir, Tingley, Leeds.

Inspector Stephen Reid said the dog, which was off the lead, approached the bite victim's pet. When the woman intervened, the animal bit her on the leg. She was treated at Dewsbury District Hospital, but did not need to stay there.

Chief Supt Rothwell said: "The dog has never been trained as a police dog or used on patrol. It was used solely for breeding purposes."

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