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### Pack of stray dogs attacks Tonopah woman

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TONOPAH -- A Tonopah woman is recovering after being attacked by a pack of stray dogs.

It happened right outside her home near 331st Avenue and Baseline Road.

Almost a year ago, Regina Fanire and her husband moved from 75th Avenue and Indian School Road to the Tonopah area for some peace and quiet.



Bite marks remain after dog attack

Little did they think that their peaceful neighborhood would become the target of an attack.

"Most frightening thing I've ever been through in my whole life," Fanire said.

A daily chore turned into a harrowing experience for Fanire. Just last week she grabbed her mail and turned to head back toward home.

"Something grabbed my elbow, yanked me down on the ground," she recalled.

Shielding her face with her arm, she tried to fend off her attackers -- a pack of four stray dogs.

"When it went for my throat, I realized for sure I was being attacked," Fanire said.

Screaming and shouting, she dragged herself to the front door, managed to unlatch it and repeatedly rang the doorbell.

Her pitbull came to her aid.

"This is my hero," she said about her dog. "He suffered a few bites on his nose, face and ears."

Her hero's name is O.D., which originally stood for Outdoor Dog. He was a stray as well. Someone dumped him by the road and Fanire nursed him back to health.

And you can bet after this experience, she's changed his nickname to O.D. for On Duty.

Twenty-six bites later, four hospital visits and plenty of R & R, Fanire is starting to recover.

She's not angry with the stray dogs, but rather their selfish owners.

"I'm not mad at the dogs," she said. "I'm mad at whoever is dropping dogs off to starve and die out here. They wouldn't be running in packs. If you can't care for a dog, take them to a shelter, turn them in."

Animal Care and Control sent out officers to take a report and investigate the attack. They have since made daily rounds in that area to find the stray dogs. They have impounded one of them.