

## Argument may have prompted dog attack, police say

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Arguing owners may have prompted a vicious attack by a nine-month old dog, forcing police to Taser it three times before its capture, police said yesterday.

A man and a woman in their 20's were walking the rare Presa Canario breed puppy in the northeast Calgary neighbourhood of Saddle Ridge around 12:30 a.m. when the dog turned on them.

"We believe the couple was arguing when the dog began biting them aggressively," Staff Sgt. Geoff Gawlinski said, adding they went to hospital with minor injuries.

Witnesses flagged down police and the dog was Tasered. When the dog continued to act aggressively towards police it was Tasered a second time before it fled.

Police followed the dog to the porch of a nearby home and after the police devised a plan to minimize collateral damage, the dog was Tasered a third time as it continued to act aggressively, according to Gawlinski.

Animal and bylaw services boss Bill Bruce said a full investigation will be launched before any decisions for the animal's fate will be made, but said this case is much different than another dog attack that occurred last Friday.

"In this case, the dog attacked its owners, and in the other case the dog got out of the yard and started attacking random strangers for no apparent reason," Bruce said.

The dog was not harmed and remains in animal services custody pending further investigation.



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A nine-month-old rare Presa Canario breed of dog has been locked up at Animal Services after it attacked its owners early yesterday morning. A man and a woman were both taken to hospital with severe punctures and lacerations to the arms and hands.