

Boxer bites Hoboken man

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Hoboken police and the city health department are looking for a woman and her Boxer, which police say bit a man in Elysian Park earlier this month.

Last Thursday, a man told Hoboken police that he had been bitten in the arm by the dog. The man, a 14th Street resident, said he was at the Elysian Park dog run on Tuesday, Aug. 4 at about 12:45 p.m. He was inside the dog run with his dog and, when he reached down to pick up a ball, was bitten on his right wrist by a large Boxer.

After the dog bit him, the owner apologized to the man, who was bleeding, and asked if he was OK. The woman has been described as an "attractive" brunette, early 30s, about five-foot-nine and physically fit.

He told her he was injured and went to the water fountain to put water on his wound. While he was there, the woman took her dog and walked out the park, said police. The man shouted for her to stop, wanting to know if her dog was up on all his shots. The woman briefly

stopped, turned around and then continued to walk out of the park.

What happens if your dog bites someone?

The Hoboken Health Department is now investigating the dog bite. Should the city be able to track down the errant dog owner, she could be fined up to \$1,000 or even spend 90 day in jail for hindering an investigation, said Sasso.

In the case of a dog bite, the pet would be tested for rabies or quarantined in the owner's home for ten days (rabies usually kills an infected animal within two to seven days).

"With dog bites, it's very important that people know nothing is going to happen to their dog, we just keep them home for ten days," said Sasso.

Sasso would not say whether or not the man was receiving treatment for rabies, but he did have to get four stitches for the wound.

"The lack of responsibly here is taken very seriously. If we catch her she's definitely going to get charged. We know the breed and colorings. We have a description of the person who owns the pet," he said. "If we catch them, we're going to ask for the maximum penalties on this."

However, should the woman call Sasso and report herself, he said the city "will work with her."

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