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## Dog owners sought in Asheville bite incident

*Staff reports*

The Asheville Police Department Animal Services Unit is seeking the public's help to locate a dog owner in the following incident:

Shortly after 8:30 a.m. on Monday, two unattended Saint Bernard-type dogs were crossing traffic in the 200 block of Long Shoals Road near Valley Springs Middle School. A passer-by stopped to help the dogs and was bitten by one of them. One dog was wearing a pink colored collar and what appeared to be an old rabies tag. The dogs were described as being about 120 lbs., with thick white coats and brown markings on their heads.

The Animal Services Unit wants to locate the owner to verify the dogs' vaccination status and to take the necessary steps to protect the victim against the rabies virus.

Anyone with information on how to contact the owner is asked to call APD at 252-1110 or Animal Services at 259-5872.

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