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Dog bites woman trying to save pets

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A GRIMSBY woman was bitten when she attempted to grab a loose dog which was attacking her beloved pet.

Tracy Foden (30), of Welland Avenue, was out walking her two Staffordshire bull terrier dogs when an Alsatian appeared "out of nowhere" and attempted to bite them.

Tracy and a friend were walking Sasha (eight) and Miya (five months) along Littlecoates Road, towards Bradley Crossroads, when the dog – which was accompanied by two young children – attacked them.

Tracy said: "We had the dogs on the lead and were walking on the pavement and the dog just ran out of nowhere and went for my dogs.

"I'm so glad I was with my friend because I shouted at her to pick up the puppy. She wouldn't be here now otherwise.

"She is only small, at least my older dog is a bit bigger so it couldn't hurt her as much."

Tracy says that as she tried to pull the Alsatian off Sasha she was bitten.

She added: "I grabbed hold of it and pulled it backwards.

"I was screaming at the two boys to run over with its lead so I could check my dog.

"I honestly thought it was the end of her.

"At the time I thought Sasha was bleeding and it was only after that I realised it was me."

After calling the police, Tracy, who works as a bus driver, was advised to visit the accident and emergency department at Grimsby's Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital, and has been forced to take two days off work.

She said: "I'm scared to go out walking now.

"Sasha needs to lose some weight so I know I need to take her, but I keep thinking of how much worse it could have been.

"There are no bad dogs it's just the people who don't train them.

"If that dog had been with an adult on a lead I don't think it would have happened."

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Anybody who witnessed the incident should call Humberside Police on 0845 60 60 222, quoting log 419 of 18/01/09, or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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