

Crufts winner was in hospital after dog bite

A woman bitten by a dog at Crufts went on to win a prize at the dog show.

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The dog owner, in her 60s, was showing her pet to the judges yesterday when another dog bit her, according to West Midlands Ambulance Service.

She was taken from the show at Birmingham's NEC to the city's Heartlands Hospital with several small puncture wounds to her thigh.

While being treated, the woman, believed to be from Cambridge, received a telephone call from a friend who informed her that her pedigree dog had won its category, an ambulance service spokesman said.

Dave Painting, incident support officer from Chelmsley Wood ambulance station, said: "First-aiders at the NEC had already bandaged the wound prior to my arrival.

"I assessed the woman's injuries and condition before taking her to Heartlands Hospital for further treatment.

"A group of friends who were with the woman looked after her dog whilst she attended hospital.

"Whilst waiting to receive a few stitches at hospital, the woman had a telephone call from one of her friends to say that her dog had in fact won first prize in the category she had entered.

"Despite suffering an injury, the woman was in good spirits and delighted with her prize. A good end to a bad day."

Crufts organiser the Kennel Club, said it could not provide any further details because the incident had not been reported.

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