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Dog bites head of puppy in attack at the weekend in Hendon

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AN UNMUZZLED dog savaged a one-year-old puppy at the weekend in the latest case of irresponsible ownership in the borough.

The young Labrador Cross Spaniel was pounced on and bitten round the head by a much larger Alsatian in Sunningfields Road, Hendon, close to Sunny Hill Park.

The attack was reported to Barnet police on Saturday and officers were advised the attacking dog should have been on a muzzle because it was in season.

Police said the pet received a "puncture wound" to its head and was left "traumatised" by the incident.

Its owner, 47, and his 13-year-old son, were unharmed in the attack, but the dog required stitches and treatment at a PDSA vet.

There have been no arrests as it is regarded as a dog on dog attack, police said, but officers are keen to speak to the owner of the Alsatian, thought to be 20, to warn him about responsible dog ownership.

It's the third incident of a dog attack in as many weeks, after similar incidents in Hendon Park and the Glebelands Open Space.

The Alsatian is not a banned breed, but police have stated previously that incidents such as this "go to show that it is not just banned or illegal breeds that can cause problems, but any irresponsible dog ownership".

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