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### Milwaukee letter carrier suffers injury from dog attack

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A female postal worker is attacked by a 115lbs. German Shepard while delivering mail near the corner of 11th and Wright. The US Postal Service says the letter carrier suffered some injuries.

A Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission rep says the bites were puncture wounds. The dog was seized and will be quarantined for a week. The incident puts the spotlight on a persistent problem for postal workers. Postal inspector Lori Groen says, "There are a lot of obstacles that letter carriers do have to deal with and unfortunately vicious dogs are one of them."

In 2009, there were 30 dog attacks on postal workers in Southeastern Wisconsin. "Dog attacks actually happen more frequently than you would think. About 3,000 dog attacks happened nationwide last year. That's about 11 everyday for the post office, and that's way too many."

Animal Control officials suggest a few things to make things safer for postal workers who encounter pets. Put up a sign to let visitors know if there's a dog on the property. Make sure the dog is properly restrained by a secured chain or a leash. Lastly, make sure your porch is in good repair so animals can't hide under them.

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