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German Shepherds Attack Small Herd of Alpacas

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CHERRY VALLEY -- Two dogs attacked a small herd of alpacas on a private ranch in the Cherry Valley area of Riverside County Tuesday morning, according to animal services officials

The attack happened at about 8 a.m., according to Riverside County Animal Services Capt. Betsy Ritchie.

The two dogs, both male German shepherds, got loose from a property on Mountain View Avenue. The alpacas were located on a ranch on Alfred Circle, just off Mountain View.

Two of the eight alpacas were severely injured in the attack, Ritchie said. She wasn't sure if the injured alpacas will survive.

They were transported by the owner to a private veterinarian.

Animal Services cited the owner of the two dogs for allowing his pets to roam.

Ritchie said that she is pursuing a dangerous dog restraining order for both pets.

Animal Services officers took to dogs to the Coachella Valley Animal Campus in Thousand Palms because the owner's fencing -- about five feet high -- wasn't adequate to restrain the dogs.

Ritchie said the owner of the alpacas had just received the animals on Monday, and that they were "show-quality" alpacas.

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