

Warning after deer mauled by dogs in Blackford area



The Scottish SPCA is appealing for information after two dogs mauled a deer in Edinburgh.

Scotland's animal welfare charity was alerted on Tuesday after a member of the public witnessed two dogs attacking the animal in a field near Blackford Glen Road.

Animal Rescue Officer Fiona Thorburn said, "When I arrived the deer was in a terrible state, the bite marks were awful and you could see the muscle had been ripped off her back legs. Sadly, the deer was in severe pain and wouldn't have recovered so the most humane thing to do was to put her to sleep.

"Passers-by described the dogs as two Jack Russell types who were off their leads.

"It is extremely worrying that these two dogs were able to carry out this attack. It could be that they were being walked by their owner who lost control of them.

"Unfortunately we have been unable to trace the owner but we are hopeful someone in the area may have information.

"We always advise dog walkers to take extra care when they are in areas with wildlife. In this instance, an animal has lost its life because these dogs were not under their owner's control."

Anyone with information relating to the attack should contact the Scottish SPCA Animal Helpline on 03000 999 999

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