

Dog walker attacked at Water of Leith Walkway near Keddie Gardens



Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious assault at the Water of Leith Walkway which took place around 7.30 a.m. this morning near Keddie Gardens, off South Fort Street.

A 47-year-old man was walking his dog when another dog attacked the animal. The man then kicked at the other dog to fend it off at which time it's owner approached and struck the victim to the head and body with a stick.

The suspect then made off towards West Bowling Green Street.

As a result of this attack the man suffered a serious injury to his arm and minor injuries to his head. He was taken to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh for treatment.

Officers are now urging anyone who can help them identify the male responsible to come forward.

He is described as white, 5ft 10ins tall, in his late 20's with a stocky build and light coloured hair. His dog is described as being a brown Boxer.

Detective Constable Chris Harding from Gayfield Police Station said: "The victim has sustained some very painful injuries following this attack and we are continuing with inquiries in the area.

"Anyone who remembers seeing anything suspicious around the Water of Leith Walkway near Keddie Gardens during Wednesday morning is asked to contact police immediately.

“We would also request that anyone with any further information that can assist with our investigation into this incident gets in touch.”

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.