

Pit bull attack leaves man injured, his dog dead

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Two pit bulls attacked an Horry County man and his dog as they went for a walk around their neighborhood. The man was hurt and the dog had to be put down because its injuries were so severe. It's the second time just this month that someone's been hurt trying break up a fight when a pit pull attacked.

Jim Blanco says he won't take as many walks each day, now that his dog Mica is dead. Last Friday morning, she was attacked by two pit bulls.

"When he got close, he lunged and caught my dog by the nose and brought her down. Then the other one went at her too." Blanco said he tried to pull them apart.

"I laid on one dog, but it didn't do a thing."

It took two neighbors to finally break them apart.

"Everybody was saying thank God he didn't attack you. I didn't even think about that."

Blanco's hand was punctured, but he says he didn't even notice. He knew he had to get Mica to the veterinarian right away.

"She was not moving or anything else, but the blood was just pouring out of her."

The vet told Blanco it would be best to put her down.

"They held no hope that she would make it because she didn't have any brain waves, plus she lost so much blood."

The pit bulls are now at the Horry County Humane Society. It's state law for dogs that bite to be under rabies observation for 10 days. Their owner, Les Williamson, did not want to go on camera, but did release a statement which says in part, "I assume full responsibility for this incident. The two dogs escaping from my home was an accident."

Blanco says the attack has made him think twice about pit bulls as a pet.

"I do have an opinion on it, and to me they're not a pet, they're just a fighting dog."

In his statement to us, Williamson also said that he will help the Blancos pay for Mica's medical bills. One of the neighbors we talked with says he plans to sign a petition asking for the other dogs Williamson owns to be euthanized as well. Williamson is charged with having nuisance animals. That charge carries a fine. He will face a judge at a hearing on March 29th.