

Dog attack near school

A warning to parents: An elderly man has been savaged by a dog, which was on the loose beside Woronora primary school recently.

The mid-sized animal was “deceptively cute”, with a bad attitude. It was illegally off-lead with a girl of about 12 years near the footbridge off Prices Circuit, drawing blood from deep puncture wounds to the man’s calf (photo).

The dog was described as small, white and poodle-like, with a strong instinct to bite moving people on a bicycle. Its young owner ran off after refusing to identify her parents or offer help to the injured man.

Dogs which are not under control, and bite, chase or harass others can be seized and destroyed, owners imprisoned for two years, and fined to \$22,000 in severe cases.

Several puncture wounds were deep and bled profusely, and could have been severe had the victim been a small schoolchild bitten about the neck or face. The attack was metres from the school gate where children often run or ride bicycles.

Dog attacks can be reported to Sutherland Shire Council for official action on paper, or to Sutherland police who will probably do nothing at all. Animals can later be seized from property for legal action.



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Dog Attack Reporting

(<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-and-cats/information-for-the-community/dog-attack-reporting>)
