

Invisible Fence Warning – Dog Attacked by Wild Animal

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If you are considering an invisible fence to contain your dog or already have one installed. You *need to read* this! Yesterday, a photo of a severely injured dog, recuperating in a veterinary hospital, was posted on Facebook along with a warning about the dangers of invisible fencing. Poster Michael J. McCann wrote in Greyhound Amber Alert:

I got a call from my vet last night: her daughter had put her dogs in the yard when she got home from school, and an hour later, one of them, a terrier mix, was missing. She told me that she thought a coyote had grabbed him.

I ran over with my infrared camera, as it was after dark. It took us over an hour, but, we found him a couple hundred yards from home. He had fought off the coyote and most likely tried to get home. The shock collar around his neck had prevented his return, so he went back into the woods to lay down to die. When we found him he was pretty torn up with a temp of 94°F. It looks like we got to him just in time.

The takeaway here is, while invisible fencing will confine your dog to your yard, it *will not prevent* wild animals from entering. Equally, it won't keep other dogs out and it won't protect your dog from people with harmful intentions who can easily enter.

The post and warning are going viral. Most people commenting are in favor of alternate fencing for the safety of their pets.

Note: The seriously injured dog Dimitri was transferred to a 24 hour clinic for overnight care last night. He suffered several broken ribs, his throat is swollen and he has deep wounds all over his body. He's on IV pain meds, thankfully stable, and expected to recover.

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