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Ashwood's Mickey beats dog attacks

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Kevin Pendlebury's dog Mickey was attacked by another dog on Gardiners Creek Trail. PIC: EUGENE HYLAND

AN Ashwood couple wants answers after the near-fatal mauling of their beloved pet.

Kevin and Rosemary Pendlebury are still shaken by the June 17 attack on their six-year-old west highland terrier Mickey by another dog.

Mickey needed surgery to save his life.

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Mr Pendlebury was walking Mickey along Gardiners Creek Trail near Warrigal Rd about 10am when the other dog "sprinted after him, locked on and just wouldn't let go".

Mr Pendlebury said: "It punctured through to Mickey's intestines and I'm certain he would have been killed if it had gone on for another 30 seconds."

The owner of the attack dog, believed to be a pitbull, quickly left the scene and did not identify himself.

A tearful Mr Pendlebury said he hoped the man would come forward.

A bloodied Mickey was taken to Greencross Vets in Ashburton with tears to his skin exposing his intestines.

Vet Matt Miller said the dog was lucky to be alive.

He said: "We've seen some pretty horrendous injuries following dog attacks, but Mickey had some of the worst."

Monash Council is investigating the attack.

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