

Pit bull victim condemns owners

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FRANK Tempest braved press photographers last week to expose the full extent of his facial injuries and speak for the first time about the frenzied attack by two pit bull terriers which disfigured him for life.

"It has been very difficult to come to terms with what has happened to me," he said. "I still have a series of operations to go through and the treatment will take years. It was only when I came out of the operating theatre that I realised just how badly injured I was."

Mr Tempest, aged 54, a bakery worker from Lincoln and father of four, was attacked in May 50 yards from his home while returning from work.



**Frank Tempest:
refuses to wear mask**

Since his release from the Leicester Royal Infirmary, he has refused to wear a mask to hide his injuries, earning praise from doctors and relatives. During the attack, which his plastic surgeon said was the worst he had seen in 20 years, the two dogs mauled Mr Tempest for 30 minutes, ripping off his nose, half his left ear and savaging his face and arms.

A large hole was gouged in his forehead, both eyes and lips were badly torn. Armed police sealed off the centre of Lincoln to prevent the dogs from escaping. One was shot instantly, the other was captured and later put down.

"People should not be allowed to own dogs like this," he said as he criticised the Government for failing to go ahead with plans to destroy all pit bull terriers.

"They should bring in a registration scheme and dog owners should be responsible. They should never allow this sort of thing to happen to anyone."