



Please see below and be extra vigilante

A DOG owner told how her “heart skipped a beat” as she realised her dog may have been poisoned. Sophie Glasson, of High Road, Rayleigh, was walking her bordie collie near Kingsley Woods on Monday morning when she began running towards her with a suspicious looking stick.

Miss Glasson noticed it was covered with white paste, which she believes was laced with poison.

One-year-old Daisy was rushed to the vets, where she was put on a drip.

Miss Glasson, 22, said her dog was lucky to have survived and she wants to urge other owners to be extra vigilant.

She said: “It was Monday morning in a fairly closed-off area of the woods. It is not a well-known spot, but known to us dog walkers. It’s not the sort of place you would expect to worry about things like this.

“I didn’t have a ball with me that day so Daisy picked up a stick. When she was running towards me I thought that it didn’t look right. I noticed some white paste on it. It was as if someone had tried to put it inside the stick, they had obviously tried to hide it. I picked it up and my heart skipped a beat.”

The dog owner took Daisy home but soon realised something was not right.

She added: “She was very wobbly. She hadn’t moved much, wasn’t drinking her water and didn’t look very well so I called Cherrydown Vets, in Basildon.

“The vet took one look at her and took her straight in. She stayed overnight.

“They put her on a drip to prevent damage to her brain.”

Miss Glasson said she has seen posts on social media about other incidents of dog poisoning in Rayleigh.

She added: “You can’t not walk your dog, but at the same time dog owners need to be worried about it.

“I saw on Facebook about all the poisonings, but I didn’t think it would happen to us.

“I think it disgusting. For someone to do that to a dog is really sick.

“Daisy is my pride and joy and I don’t know what I would do without her.

“What shocked me the most is that the vets were not surprised because they said it is so common now. I want to warn other people to be wary.”

Author Kevin Blake to all Dog Watch Members in Essex

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