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Call to control dogs after two cats die in street attacks

By Diana Cormack

Dog owners and dog walkers are being urged to make sure their animals are kept under control after a number of attacks on cats, two of which resulted in the death of much-loved pets.

Most owners keep good control of their dogs, of course, but a small minority do not. Most dogs are well behaved but some can be unpredictable.

Four local incidents

Residents of Cherry Tree Road are still distressed by an event which took place on 19 August. This was the killing of Murphy, a cat who for many years had been a welcome visitor to houses in the street. At around 7.30am he was attacked by two large dogs and savaged to death in the street.

One neighbour witnessed this from a bedroom window and took photos. Another

filmed the aftermath when the woman in charge of the dogs came to put them back on their leads. They do not live in the road and it is believed they came from the direction of Cherry Tree Wood, just south of Cherry Tree Road.

In a separate incident two weeks earlier, the same two large dogs were seen attacking a cat in Church Crescent, Muswell Hill, leaving it injured, and separately again at the start of August, a cat was killed by dogs off the leash in Steed Road, close to Muswell Hill Playing Fields and Coldfall Wood.

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Deaths of mother and her nephew: man charged

By Nick Allan

A man has appeared in court accused of murdering Annie Besala Ekofo and her nephew Bervil Kalikaka-Ekofo in a shooting in Elmshurst Crescent, N2, early on Thursday 15 September.

Obina Ezeoke, 24, of no fixed address, was charged five days later. He appeared at Hendon Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 21 September and was remanded in custody to appear at the Old Bailey on 19 October.

An unnamed 20-year-old man also arrested in connection with the two deaths remains on bail until a date in late October.

Annie Besala Ekofo, 53, a mother of seven sons and two daughters, was affectionately known to friends and family as 'Mamale'. Her nephew Mr Kalikaka-Ekofo, 21, was a second-year psychology student at the University of West London.

Family members speaking to *THE ARCHER* said the family were new to the East Finchley area and that they had moved to the UK with her family from Congo in central Africa some 26 years ago for a better life.

On the morning of their deaths, paramedics and armed police arrived at the flat in Elmshurst Crescent shortly before 6.30am. Four other people, including Mrs Besala Ekofo's husband Jean Pierre and a child,



Victims: Annie Besala Ekofo and Bervil Kalikaka-Ekofo were also believed to be inside the address at the time but were not harmed.

Detective Chief Inspector, Andrew Partridge who is leading the investigation, asks anyone with information to contact the incident room on 020 8358 0300 or, to remain anonymous, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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