

Lynx

Killed

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A lynx was shot by East Kildonan police Thursday evening in Fraser's Grove.

The grove superintendent sighted the animal about 3 p.m. and called the police. Jean Graham, of 375 Henderson Highway, said in a telephone interview Friday night that the police contacted the Assiniboine Park zoo and asked for someone with a tranquilizer gun.

Mrs. Graham said the police waited for about three hours and called the zoo again but couldn't contact anyone because the offices were closed.

The lynx was shot by the police about 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Graham said.

Clive Roots, director of the Assiniboine Park zoo, said in a telephone interview Friday night that he wasn't aware of the incident. He said the zoo could "take all the lynx we can get" and he couldn't understand the mix-up.

"When we've been contacted before, we've been there promptly . . . There's no reason for delay as long as we've got the staff."

He said the zoo had successfully captured a lynx in Fort Garry only a short time ago and was disturbed that the lynx in the East Kildonan park had to be shot.

An East Kildonan spokesman thought the lynx's body had been sent to a taxidermist, but police didn't have any information available Friday night.