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Dog Mauls Boy In Fr. Meadows; City Evaluates Future Of Husky

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A 7-year-old Astoria boy was injured on Sunday when he was attacked by a dog in Fresh Meadows. Yoseph Noori was visiting his sister's home in Fresh Meadows when a stray dog entered the front yard. At the sight of an infant, being held by a relative, the dog suddenly pounced on Yoseph.

The dog, described as a male husky, knocked Yoseph down and bit him in the cheek. Relatives were able to pull the boy away and the dog stopped the attack.

Police were called and the dog was located in the neighborhood and shot with tranquilizer darts. The animal was then taken to the Center for Animal Care and Control to be tested for rabies.

Yoseph was removed to New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens in Flushing, where he received over 100 stitches to his face and then released.

The dog's owner, Hyun Oh, is a neighbor of Yoseph's sister and lives at 58-03 203rd Street. He received three summonses for the dog not being on a leash, creating a nuisance and being unlicensed.

Oh apologized to the Noor family for the dog's actions. According to the family, the dog, a 3-year-old named Pokdol, had been tied up to a tree in the backyard while they went to church. They also said the dog had no previous history of biting humans.

No decision has been made yet on what will happen to the dog. According to Richard Gentles, deputy executive director of the CACC, the dog will be held for 10 days for the rabies quarantine. Then it is up to the Department of Health,

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working with the dog's owner and CACC, to determine its outcome.

"The dog's history and behavior will be evaluated to see if it's vicious or fit to go back to the owner," he said. "We work with the DOH on this and there are other possible requirements in getting the dog back."

The family does want the husky back and he was wearing a rabies tag. If permission is granted and the dog can go home, the city may require it be muzzled when outside, take obedience training, not be around children, be safely housed and that there be no way the dog could get out of the yard.

Yoseph was resting at home following the accident. His mother said he has been traumatized by the event. The boy is a student at PS 122.

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