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3-year-old seriously hurt in dog attack

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A 3-year-old Chandler boy was seriously injured Wednesday when he was mauled by a neighbor's dog.



The dog was impounded for evaluation.

Chandler Fire officials say the boy was playing in the back yard of a neighbor's home in the 2000 block of East Frye Road when the dog, a chow, attacked.

The unidentified child sustained a deep bite to the back of his neck and also was bitten on the back of his head and shoulder.

While his injuries are described to be non-life threatening, emergency personnel "get very nervous" when dealing with injuries near the spinal cord, Battalion Chief Dan Couch said. Paramedics did not believe that the boy's spinal cord had been damaged, as he was able to move his arms and legs, Couch added.

At the owner's request the dog has been euthanized.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, there is no such thing as a bad breed of dog, but according to at least one study there are types of dogs that are more likely to be aggressive.

Check out about.com to learn which ones. The [The Safe Kids/Safe Dogs Project](#) has tips to help you choose a dog that best suits your family.

It also lists the top 5 biggest mistakes dog owners make, shows how to interpret dog language, and ways to prevent dog bites.

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