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## Dog attacks 3 boys near New Castle

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A New Castle County police officer's uneaten dinner helped stop a dog's biting rampage in Chelsea Estates near New Castle on Wednesday evening.

A large white Husky bit three boys before county police Cpl. Trinidad Navarro and assisting residents leashed it about 7:30 p.m. The dog began attacking boys in the neighborhood, off West Basin Road, just after 6 p.m.

Aaron Liounis, 15, said he was working on his bike when the dog approached him and growled. The dog attacked him when he started to back away, ripping his pants.

The dog then attacked Aaron's friend, Nick Quattrocci, 16. Nick suffered bites on his chest, arm and hand and was taken to Christiana Hospital by his family.

He was in stable condition, Navarro said.

The dog later attacked an 8-year-old boy. Navarro said the dog bit the boy's right shoulder and arm, causing severe lacerations.

That boy was also in stable condition at A.I. du Pont Hospital for Children. His cousin, Tony Franklin, drove around the neighborhood looking for the dog and found it roaming at the intersection of Paul Road and Mark Drive.

Navarro said he was unsuccessful in attracting the dog until he realized he had sausage and peppers in his patrol car.

"I hadn't eaten it yet," Navarro said. He put it on the ground.

The dog came closer and Navarro left the rest of the dinner on the street. When the dog began eating the food, he tied a cable around its neck and tied it to a fence. The SPCA arrived, and animal control officer Jay Hopper corralled the dog. Hopper said the dog would be quarantined at the SPCA shelter in Stanton.

The dog's owner had not been identified as of late Wednesday.

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