



Dog attacks Queens boy

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An Astoria boy was attacked yesterday by a neighborhood dog while visiting his sister's Bayside home, suffering deep cuts to his face, police said.

Yoseph Noori, 9, required more than 100 stitches after an Akita-shepherd mix tore at the boy's face and caused significant damage to his cheek and ear, said his sister, Toor, 25. Yoseph, a first-grader at PS 122, was treated and released from Booth Memorial Hospital and was resting last night, she said.

Emergency Service Unit police darted the dog and took it to the Center for Animal Care Control where it was undergoing tests for rabies, officials said.

The owner, identified as Hyun Oh, of 58-03 203rd St. in Bayside, was issued three summonses: for the dog not being on a leash, for an animal creating a nuisance and for the dog being unlicensed. Oh said last night he did not see what happened.

Toor Noori, a homemaker, said in a telephone interview that her brother was one of several relatives at her house yesterday afternoon, and had been looking at the dog as it wandered unexpectedly into the front yard at about 1:30 p.m. "They were looking at the dog from far away," she said. "The second I turned around, he had bit him already. ... He had bitten him in so many different places."

After a few seconds, Toor Noori's sister-in-law managed to drag the boy away by his shirt. Toor Noori said she called 911, and the boy was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

The dog stood around for a while before wandering through the neighborhood. Family members later directed officers to the dog.

Toor Noori said that she had never seen the dog before. After the incident, Oh visited and apologized.

"He kept saying 'I'm sorry, I'm sorry,'" she said.

While Toor Noori said she initially wanted the animal put to sleep, she said she is not sure now.

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