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UPDATE: Additional vehicle info from Barc Parc attack

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MYRTLE BEACH - Police are seeking help from the public in finding a dog that bit three people Monday at the dog park on the former Myrtle Beach Air Force Base.

Police also are searching for the woman who brought the dog to the park. On Wednesday they revised the description of the car was driving, saying it may be a silver Honda sports utility vehicle, perhaps a CRV Model. The vehicle has a license tag/plate on the front with the Honda Symbol on it, according to reports. It could also be a white, older-model Jeep Cherokee, as previously reported, police stated.

Witnesses said the dog was large, possibly a dog-wolf hybrid, said Myrtle Beach police Lt. Doug Furlong. The three people bitten were not hospitalized at the time of the incident, Furlong said.

The animal is being sought so it can be held for observation to determine whether it has rabies.

This is the first report the city has received of a dog biting a person at the Barc Parc, which has been open about five years, said Myrtle Beach spokesman Mark Kruea.

According to city rules, Kruea said, it is a violation to bring a dog-wolf hybrid into public.

He said the animal's owner could be cited.

The park is an asset to the community and people need to be responsible when using the park, Kruea said.

"It's something we would like to continue to be able to offer, but it needs to be used wisely," he said.

The city has received rare complaints of aggressive dogs at the park, and city police or animal control have responded, Kruea said. "That's not a common thing."

The National Center for Infectious Diseases Web site directs anyone who has received an animal bite to get a medical evaluation. It states that rabies is uncommon in dogs in the United States and if the dog appears healthy at the time of the bite, it can be confined by its owner for 10 days and observed.

If the dog appears ill at the time of the bite or becomes ill during the 10-day quarantine, it should be evaluated by a veterinarian for signs of rabies and the person bitten should seek medical advice about the need for treatment.

The quarantine period is a precaution against the possibility that an animal may appear healthy but actually be sick with rabies.

Anyone with information about the dog or the woman is asked to call the Myrtle Beach Police Department at 918-1382 or the Department of Health and Environmental Control at 248-1506.

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Barc Parc rules

Park is open from sunup to sundown

Dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after dog.

Dog owners must be in the park and within view of their dog at all times.

Dogs must be removed from the park at the first sign of aggression.

Aggressive dogs are prohibited from entering the park.

Dogs' owners must a have leash in hand at all times.

Dogs must be leashed outside of the boundaries of the park.

Police and animal control officers can ticket dog owners who fail to comply with the rules.

Owners and their dogs enter the park at their own risk.

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