

Shepherd-retriever mix bites four people in East Palo Alto

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An East Palo Alto family surrendered their dog to be euthanized Tuesday after it bit four people, Peninsula Humane Society spokesman Scott Delucchi said.

At around noon, PHS officer Andrea Dion was en route to an animal control call when she noticed a number of children on top of a car and a golden retriever/German shepherd mix running loose.

She pulled over and tried to secure the dog, and it bit her leg, Delucchi said.

Dion was wearing long pants and was uninjured, he added.

"Another officer from PHS was called out and she was bitten in the hand. It was a minor bite," Delucchi said.

The dog also bit a child and an adult. The two PHS officers eventually cornered the dog in a yard and sedated it with a blow-gun tranquilizer. They made contact with the dog's owners, who told them to kill the animal.

The dog was an unneutered male, Delucchi said, urging local residents to spay and neuter their pets.

"It seems like case after case, when dogs are attacking or biting, 95 percent of the time they are intact animals," he said, adding that the number of dog bites is not increasing despite increased media coverage resulting from a San Francisco dog-mauling death.