

Dog bite does not lead to long-term injuries

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REDWOOD CITY — Savannah, the 19-month-old girl who took a trip to the emergency room Monday night after suffering dog bites to the face and head, needed 10 stitches but is otherwise fine, her mother said.

"She's fine. I don't see why this is turning into a big deal," said Melissa Williams, Savannah's mother. "I think people are blowing this way out of proportion."

On Tuesday, the Peninsula Humane Society, the nonprofit that provides animal control services in San Mateo County, put down the two dogs accused of biting the toddler. A 6-year-old pointer named Boo bit the child, said PHS spokesman Scott Delucchi. Coco, a pit bull-Labrador mix was also put to sleep. Though PHS officials said Tuesday that Coco was an intact male, Williams said the dog was female and had been neutered.

The dogs' owner, Williams' mother, requested that they be put to sleep.

Williams said Monday night's incident was the first time either dog had ever snapped at the child. She said the bite was unprovoked and inexplicable.

"That's the worst part about it," she said. "[Savannah] was just sitting there with him and then it happened."

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