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Boy Moved From ICU, But Could Lose Voice After Dog Attack

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CLERMONT COUNTY, Ohio -- A young boy could permanently lose his voice after a dog attacked him at his grandfather's home, **News 5's Emily Longnecker** reported.

A 4-year-old Chow tied up with a chain bit Delbert Preston, 6, on the head and neck Saturday.

"(He was) just shaking him like he's a rag doll," said Gilbert Preston, the boy's father. "He was trying to kill my baby."

Preston said he was about 300 feet away when he saw the attack.

"The dog was eating him," he said. "He was going to kill him."

The father ran to protect his son, and the dog eventually released the boy after Preston kicked him. But the animal seemed intent on attacking Delbert.

"He just kept coming and coming," Preston said.

The boy's grandfather also saw the attack and got a gun. It took four shots to bring down the animal so that Delbert could get to safety, Longnecker reported.

"The little man stood up, walked up to the house, and said, 'Daddy, I'm alright,'" Preston said. "He had blood flying out of his throat. I think he was in so much shock because he didn't realize what happened to him"

Delbert was removed from the ICU at Children's Hospital Monday morning, but his father said he still doesn't have medical insurance to cover the expenses.

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