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Girl needs 100 stitches after dog mauling

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BRIDGEWATER — A 12-year-old Conquerall Mills girl mauled by a bull terrier on Saturday is recovering at home after receiving more than 100 stitches in hospital.

"It was a pretty serious attack," Cpl. Robin Churchill of Lunenburg County RCMP said Monday.

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"She had a gash on her chin, puncture wounds to her arms, and scratches and scrapes everywhere. She had in excess of a hundred stitches."

Police were called at 9 a.m. Saturday to a home in New Cumberland outside Bridgewater. The girl was there visiting with friends when the couple's bull terrier lunged at her throat.

"The families know each other," Cpl. Churchill said.

A neighbour said she does not think the girl is related to the couple, who have a grown daughter. "I know it was pretty bad," the area resident said of the dog attack.

She said she saw an ambulance go to the home, which is set back in the woods.

Cpl. Churchill said the girl was released from South Shore Regional Hospital in Bridgewater noon on Sunday. He said she is traumatized and was sedated over the weekend for pain, hope to speak with her this evening.

She is a student at Hebbville Academy but is not expected to return to classes for a while

Lunenburg County's animal control officer seized the dog and it is expected to be put down days after any necessary blood tests are carried out.

Police are still investigating but Cpl. Churchill said the mauling will likely end up being an animal control matter rather than a criminal case.



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