



"Friendly" dog attacks child

Sarasota, Florida — A dog that appeared to be friendly turned and bit a 22 month old girl in the face today, the sheriff's office reported.

The girl and her nanny "were approached by a dog that appeared to be friendly," said sheriff's spokesman Chuck Lesaltato.

"When the nanny and girl bent down to pet the dog, it bit the girl in the face."

She was taken to All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg for treatment.

The dog remains at large. It is described as small to medium sized, with medium-long hair, reddish-brown in color with white marks along its chest, floppy ears and a collar. The dog appeared to be a chow mix and did not have a leash or owner present, Lesaltato said.

Anyone who sees the dog should contact the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office at 941-316-1201.



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