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## Dog attacks 9yo boy

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A NINE-year-old boy has been attacked by a neighbour's dog during a backyard ball game in the state's central west, New South Wales police say.

The boy and another child were throwing a ball over the fence separating their properties at Neville, near Bathurst, about 5pm (AEST) on Saturday when the red cattle dog attacked.

"A one-year-old cattle dog belonging to another neighbour jumped the fence and grabbed the child on the upper arm," Inspector Gary Megay from Bathurst police said.

The boy suffered bruising and bleeding when the dog dragged him to the ground. He was discharged the same day after treatment in hospital, Insp Megay said.

"Investigations are continuing. The incident was reported to us by the father of the injured child," he said.

No decision had been made as to whether the dog would be destroyed.

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