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### Police hunt dog after attack on girl

#### Child left covered in blood

POLICE are hunting a stray dog that bit a youngster in the face. Little Elise MacGregor was attacked as she played in the public park behind her home in Larbert. Her frantic mum rushed the eight-year-old, who was "covered in blood", to Falkirk Royal Infirmary. Her injuries were found not to be serious, but Central Scotland Police has launched an urgent public appeal to trace the owner of the rogue 'alsatian-type' animal, fearing it could strike again. Gayle MacGregor shares their concerns.

From her home in St George's Court she said: "I'm a dog lover and have two Staffordshire Bull Terriers as pets.

"Elise and her big sister, Lyona, have been brought up with them and are used to having them around.

"The girls know you have to treat a dog with respect, but I'm worried what could happen if a youngster who has no experience of dogs and no fear of them comes across this animal and tries to pet it."

Last Wednesday's drama happened after Elise got home from Larbert Village School. Her mum said: "She went out to play and, a few minutes later, I heard her screaming.

"I rushed out and met a neighbour who said Elise had been bitten by a dog after she had put her hand out to it. Elise was crying and there was blood pouring from her mouth."

The family rushed to hospital where staff were able to reassure them Elise was not as badly hurt as first feared.

"She had been bitten on the neck and mouth but, after the nurse cleaned the wounds up and gave her antibiotics, she was fine," said Mrs McGregor.

"She is going to be okay but it could easily have been a lot worse. My daughter was very lucky, but I dread to think what could happen to another child if this dog is not found quickly."

A police spokesman said: "It's fortunate the girl was not badly injured, but we would like to speak to whoever owns this animal, which was seen roaming in and around the St George's Court area before Wednesday's incident, as a matter of urgency."

Stenhousemuir Police can be contacted on (01324) 562112.

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