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Williamsburg

JCC boy injured in attack by dog

The incident, involving an 11-year-old, was the second canine attack in recent months in the county.

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JAMES CITY -- Earlier this week, a German shepherd attacked an 11-year-old James City boy, leaving him with puncture wounds on his arms and legs.

Around 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Christopher Banks and a group of neighborhood children were playing in the 100 block of Williamson Drive, police said.

Banks' mother, Tracy McGilvary, said her son was visiting a young girl he went with when the dog broke away from its chain, jumped a fence and ran toward the

While the other children scattered, most of them running inside a nearby house, I hopped on his motorbike.

"I guess, because of the sound of his mini-bike, the dog went after Christopher," McGilvary.

It caught up to Banks, knocking him to the ground.

Banks' "serious bite wounds" were treated at Williamsburg Sentara Community I police said. By Friday, he was recovering at home.

Following standard procedure after a dog attack, Animal Control Supervisor Shi Anderson said the dog will be quarantined for 10 days to see if it has any sign of rabies.

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"The animal is not friendly," said Anderson, explaining that it will later be euthanized. The dog appears to not be socialized well. It's skittish. We do not adopt animals out that kind of good nature."

Police did not release the name of the dog's owner Friday, but Deputy Chief Star said charges are pending.

"The owners have been very cooperative and have apologized and said (they) would take care of anything we needed," McGilvary said. "There are a lot of dogs around here and we want to see this happen to any other child."

The attack on Banks marks the second such incident recently in James City. Late last month, a pit bull attacked a 2-year-old girl, ripping off her left ear.

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