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Boy, 7, hurt in dog attack

By Sol Buckner

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A seven-year-old boy from a village near Kidderminster needed 100 stitches during surgery after he was bitten on the head by his family's pet dog.

Harry Ridge screamed in agony as the German Shepherd called Toby attacked him - four months after the animal was taken in from a dog rescue home.

The youngster, of Sladd Lane, Wolverley, had been playing with Toby at 4.30pm on Tuesday when it suddenly turned on him and clamped his head in his jaws.

Harry's mother Jane, 42, was in the kitchen when she heard the screams and ran to her son's aid. The boy had lost a patch of skin from above his nose and there were deep teeth marks in his skull.

Mrs Ridge called for an ambulance and wrapped Harry's head in a cotton towel to stem the blood loss.

Ten minutes later an air ambulance landed in a nearby field and Harry was airlifted to Birmingham Children's Hospital with his mother by his side.

Harry was in plastic surgery for two hours while consultant Vassu Carrie worked on his wounds, which required 100 stitches.

The bite marks had gone into the bones of his skull and five layers of skin. Mr Carrie said he was lucky not to have lost an eye.

After just over 24 hours in hospital, Harry was allowed to go home.

Mrs Ridge has returned Toby to the kennels she had him from in April and said it will be long time before she gets another dog.

Mrs Ridge said: "I heard the dog growling and knew something was wrong. I went into the lounge and could hardly recognise Harry's face with all the blood.

"The dog had grabbed him by the head and clamped him. I wrapped his head in a towel and just waited with him for the ambulance.

"Harry made an amazing recovery and we can't believe how good he looks after surgery.

"It has left him a bit nervous and we don't want any more

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