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Stray dog attacks four-year-old in Ramsey



Video

Jimmy Sharp is like most four-year-old boys. He likes to run, hide and then run and hide some more. His favorite food is banana popsicles and his favorite play time is bike riding.

Last Saturday Jimmy was on his bike in front of his Ramsey home when he fell off and was attacked by a stray dog.

"It's unfortunate," Ramsey Police Chief Jim Way said, "it's the first case that we've had like this."

Police were involved before Sharp got bit because Sharp's parents had called in complaining about the stray just a few hours earlier. Sharp's mom, Nicolle,

said that the officer who came to take the report told her he couldn't take the dog in because there was no room for it at the Anoka facility that takes in Ramsey's strays. "They just said that the pound was full and they couldn't take it," Nicolle Sharp said.

Way said that Ramsey doesn't have its own facility for strays and that it's contract with Anoka to house them only allows for three to four dogs at a time. Way said last Saturday all of those spots were full so his officer couldn't take the dog in. He said his officer did all he could at the scene, he looked for tags on the dog, went to neighbors to see if he could find an owner and when he couldn't, filed his report and left.

Jimmy Sharp suffered lacerations on his head and now has 29 stitches above his left ear. The dog that bit him was put to sleep and then tested for rabies. The dog did not have the disease.

Ramsey Police say they have not had a facility of their own for strays in many years but that as the community grows, police will be open to discussions about getting one so there are no more incidents like Jimmy's.

By [Jana Shortal](#), KARE 11 News

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