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Toddler hospitalized after dog bite

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MARENGO – A 2-year-old boy was hospitalized Wednesday after a Labrador retriever bit his face.

Marengo Rescue Squad responded to a call for help at 21916 Anthony Road around 2:45 p.m., Deputy Chief Todd Jones said.

The boy's father and brother, as well as the dog's owner, accompanied him to St. Joseph's Hospital in Elgin for chin-to-ear stitches on the right side of his face, Jones said.

The dog belongs to family friend Gary Rudsinski and was left at his Marengo home, Jones said.

Rudsinski did not immediately return calls for comment.

"He's very, very torn up," Jones said. "They're very close family friends ... like brothers."

– Emily Previti

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