

## 4-Year-Old Narrowly Escapes Attack By Stray Dog



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Another attack by a stray dog happened on the West Side Tuesday. This time, a 4-year-old girl barely escaped.

The growing population of stray dogs has some complaining that the city is not doing enough to stop the problem. They want the city to help catch the dogs.

"My cousin called and said there was a dog in the yard. So, when I came outside the dog was running towards my niece," said the aunt of the little girl who narrowly escaped the attack.

She asked News 4 not to show her face, but said she was able to get her 4-year-old niece to safety. However, the stray German Shepherd then turned and attacked her dog. Animal Care Services impounded the stray animal.

This latest example of stray dogs roaming the San Antonio neighborhoods has one San Antonio family complaining that the city is not doing enough to stop the problem.

Monica Ray and her husband told News 4 they've repeatedly reported a pack of stray dogs in their West Side neighborhood. They believe Animal Care Services has not dispatched anyone to track them down.

When asked what she was afraid was going to happen, Monica said, "We'll that a kid is going to get attacked. You know, that something even worse is going to happen that doesn't need to."

The head of Animal Care Services told News 4 they do the best they can to respond to complaints.

"We have a stray dog problem in most areas of this community," explained Jef Hale, Director of Animal Care Services.

Animal Care Services receives hundreds of calls every month complaining of stray dogs. But the dogs are often gone by the time they show up.

"Everything I have indicates we went out there multiple times," said Hale. "We went out every time someone called."

Animal Care Services says to call 3-1-1 if you see a stray dog, but to keep in mind they may have more urgent calls.



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