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## **Dog killed after it attacks Bettendorf boy**

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A Belgian Malinois attacked and bit a 12-year-old boy twice at about 12:40 p.m. today in the 700 block of Holmes Street in Bettendorf, according to Bettendorf police.

When officers arrived at the scene, they were able to corral the dog in a fenced-in backyard, according to Bettendorf public information officer Lauran Haldeman. Officers had been warned that the animal had attempted to attack two other individuals.

The Scott County Humane Society was called in, police said. While officers waited for humane society representatives to arrive, the dog jumped the fence and charged at an officer, who fired two rounds at the dog.

One round struck the dog, Ms. Haldeman said. The dog ran through the neighborhood for about 10 minutes before officers cornered it on River Drive and shot and killed it.

The 12-year-old boy, whose name wasn't released, is being treated at a local hospital, a press release said.

The Bettendorf Police Department is investigating who owns the dog. Once the department determines the owner, an arrest will be made for having a vicious animal, officials said.