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## Gov. Daniels treated for dog bite in southern Indiana

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Gov. Mitch Daniels was bitten on the leg by a dog at a farm just outside Bloomington Wednesday after the governor unintentionally startled the animal with his Harley Davidson motorcycle.

The wound was minor and did not require stitches, said Jane Jankowski, the governor's spokeswoman. Daniels received a tetanus shot as a precaution.

The governor was riding up to the private farm home of a supporter when the dog, frightened by the loud Harley, approached the governor and bit him, Jankowski said. Daniels, who is expected to launch his reelection bid this month, was spending the night there --- He often visits supporters' private homes when he travels the state.

Jankowski today sought to downplay the incident, saying the governor was most upset because the bite left a hole in a new pair of blue jeans he was breaking in.

She did not know what kind of dog it was, but said the governor described it as "a big farm dog." She said there are no plans to put the dog down.

"He reconciled with the dog," Jankowski said. "The governor and the dog are both fine. It's over and all is well."

Daniels received the tetanus shot from Dawn Durnil, a nurse who works for Southern Indiana Pediatrics in Ellettsville, the Bloomington Herald-Times reported.