



Girl has nose bitten off by dog

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A six-year-old girl had part of her nose bitten off by a dog as she was feeding it an ice cream, police said today.

Piper Delaney, of Calton Avenue, Salford, Greater Manchester, was feeding her next-door neighbour's border collie yesterday afternoon when it lunged at her.

The missing piece of nose was found on the floor by another child. Piper was rushed to hospital where doctors were hoping to sew it back on.

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The dog, which is called Benji, was seized by police.

The border collie is not a breed outlawed under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

The dog's owner was reported to have said she has four children herself and had never worried about them playing with Benji.

A Greater Manchester Police spokesman said: "At 4.40pm on Wednesday 6 June 2007 police were called to an address on Calton Avenue, Salford, to a report of a dog bite on a child.

"Officers attended the scene and a six-year-old girl was taken to Hope Hospital with serious facial injuries."

He added that the dog was expected to be re-housed and police were still investigating exactly what happened.

Piper's mother, Adele Murphy, is now reported to be at her daughter's bedside at Booth Hall Children's Hospital in Blackley, Manchester.

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