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Nipomo Children Expected to Recover After Dog Attack

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The three young children and the animal involved in last night's dog attack in Nipomo are expected to recover.

Here is the latest.

- The attack happened around 7:00 p.m. Thursday night on the 500 block of Martita Place in Nipomo.
- The dog attacked sisters ages eight and 12. It also bit their 12-year-old neighbor.
- The kids suffered bites to the legs and stomach.
- While trying to catch the dog, a sheriff's patrol car struck the dog said to be an eight month American Bull dog.

The sisters said last night's attack was the scariest moment of their lives.

It's an attack the 8-year-old said she didn't think she would survive.

After a long traumatic night, Jordyn and Madison Gabbert are recovering off their feet.

Both girls were bit four times.

Madison received 34 stitches and was bit so deep, doctors re-cut her leg to stitch it.

12-year-old Jordyn received 20 stitches on her right leg and stomach.

The girls said the dog that was later struck by a patrol car had walked up to them while they were outside.

After playing with the dog for several minutes, the girls said the animal started chasing Madison while she was on her bike.

"It ran me over and then it got a hold of my leg and started biting me," said Madison Gabbert.

Jordyn and her 12-year-old neighbor Jason tried to pull the dog off only to have it later turn on both of them.

"I got on Jason's back and he carried me to the house because blood was dripping down my leg and it bit Jason in the stomach," said Jordyn Gabbert.

The trauma from the attack is too much at times for the girls, as well as for their grandmother, a

former 911 dispatcher.

She hit the dog with a neighbor's ceramic dog statue to get the animal off her granddaughters.

"I knew it could be worse so I'm so very thankful they're alright. But that was one strong dog," said Grandmother Becky Milton.

Milton said it will be a while before her granddaughters recover, but they know it could have been much worse.

It definitely could have been much worse. The girls' 3-year-old twin cousins were visiting the night before.

The owner of the 8-month-old dog said his pet had never bit anyone until Thursday night.

County Animal Services officers said the 80 pound bull dog suffered a broken rib, bruising of the lungs and some cuts.

The owner, a Nipomo father of small children, said his landscaper accidentally let the dog out Thursday.

He adds that his pet is up to date on shots.

The owner was able to bring the dog home Friday night, where it must remain under quarantine for 10 days.

He plans to visit the two girls who were attacked Saturday and let them decide what to do with the dog.

In an **Action News web poll**, we wanted to know what you thought.

Do you think the dog that bit two children in Nipomo should be returned to its owner?

25% said yes, while **75% said it should not**.



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