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Family Dog Bites Toddler in the Face

by Maura Yates Saturday October 13, 2007, 1:16 PM

Cops say 2-year-old boy will be OK

A Shore Acres toddler was scratched and bitten in the face yesterday afternoon when the family dog, a large mixed breed named Angus, nipped at him.

Cops at the scene said the child was bitten around his chin, and the injuries do not appear to be serious.

His hysterical mother's sweatshirt was splattered with blood from his injuries. She clutched her other child, an infant, while her son was loaded into an ambulance to be taken to Richmond University Medical Center for treatment.

"He'll probably need just a tetanus shot and stitches," the distraught mom said, describing Angus as a good pet who never caused any trouble.

The sturdy, brownish red dog, who appears to be a Golden Retriever mix, was walked over to a neighbor's yard after the accident. He stayed locked behind a gate yesterday, calmly watching the commotion through the fence.

"The dog was always good. He never bothered anybody," one neighbor said.

"It's a very good dog. I was shocked when I saw the baby bleeding," said Zlatka Baltovski, the neighbor across the street who took in the dog while the mother rushed to the hospital.

-Contributed by Maura Yates



Bill Lyons

Angus the dog is corralled in Zlatka Baltovski's yard after he bit a 2-year-old boy in the face. The dog belongs to the boy's family. The child's injuries were not serious.

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