

Dog bites boy in face at Salem park

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A 2-year-old boy received a bite to the face from a loose dog running around Cascade Gateway Park on Sunday afternoon, Salem police said.

The boy was visiting the park with his parents when the dog, a 4-year-old Chow-German Shepherd mix, came running up and bit him in the face, Salem police Lt. Dan Deitz said.

The dog was dragging a leash but running loose. The attack happened around 3:45 p.m. at the park, which is located at 2100 Turner Road SE.

The boy was treated and released from Salem Hospital, Deitz said.

This was the second time the dog had bitten someone, so it was taken into custody, Deitz said. The dog is being held in quarantine at the Marion County Animal Shelter pending evaluation.

Police cited the dog's owner, Charles Parkos, 46, for maintaining a dangerous dog, Deitz said.

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