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## Dog attacks 3 in military housing area

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CAMERON — Three people were attacked and bitten by a dog Saturday in a military housing subdivision off N.C. 87.

Two of the victims were children; the third was a law enforcement officer who responded to the call, said Lisa Ferguson, spokeswoman for Fort Bragg.

It happened about 11:45 a.m. in the Linden Oaks neighborhood, Ferguson said.

A Linden Oaks resident who did not want to be identified said the dog, identified as a mastiff, attacked the children for no reason.

She said one of them, an 11-year-old boy, was on his bicycle when he was bitten and was pulled to safety by the driver of a passing vehicle.

No details were available about the other victim, identified as a 7-year-old girl.

Jerreo B. Johnson, a Department of the Army police officer, answered the call, Ferguson said.

The dog bit him in the leg and Johnson shot it, Ferguson said.

It took about an hour to capture the wounded dog, the unidentified resident said. Once it was in custody, it was taken to Animal Urgent Care in Fayetteville, Ferguson said.

The dog stayed there through the weekend and was released to its owners and Fort Bragg officials, said Niki Morrison, Urgent Care manager.

Johnson and the children were taken to Womack Army Medical Center, Ferguson said.

Johnson was treated and released Saturday. The children were kept at the hospital and discharged Monday, Ferguson said.

Although the attack happened on Fort Bragg property, officials must abide by state law that says the dog must be quarantined for 10 days to determine if it has rabies.

Ferguson was not able to determine whether the dog was taken to a holding facility on post or returned to the owners.

Linden Oaks was built for military housing on property owned by Fort Bragg.

Residents must follow the same guidelines for owning pets as those who live on post, Kelly Douglas said. She is communications director for Picerne Military Housing at Fort Bragg.

The post ordinance says “pets are to be kept on a leash and under the owner’s supervision and

control at all times when outside of the home or yard,” according to an e-mail from Douglas.

The ordinance also says pets must be kept indoors or in a fenced yard or kennel area in the back yard.

No charges have been filed, according to a military spokesman.

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