



## Girl, 2, savaged in street

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A TWO-YEAR-OLD girl was left bleeding and bruised after being mauled by a dog.

Mckiaa Wilkinson's face was bitten by the small terrier crossbreed outside her home in Cardiff.

The tot suffered a badly-bruised and bleeding eye and scratching on her cheeks after the dog attacked her for just a few seconds.

Her mum Mckaylee Campbell, 18, was holding her daughter's hand, but looking the other way when the dog attacked.

Mckaylee said: "I was holding Mckiaa's hand and I saw the dog coming towards us with no lead on.

"I saw it but I was looking the other way and I was not expecting it to attack the baby.

"All of a sudden, I felt a little tug on my arm.

"The baby was on the floor, lying down on the floor and the dog was on top of her biting her face."

Mckaylee said the dog was a white terrier-type crossbreed, with brown patches and pointed ears that she believes lives near the home she shares with Mckiaa and partner Richie Wilkinson, 21, a heating and ventilation student, in Arbroath Court, Tremorfa, Cardiff.

The attack has left her young daughter traumatised.

She said: "All the while in the ambulance, she wouldn't speak to me or her dad. She wouldn't talk or look at me. All she wanted to do was to bury her head in my chest.

"She loved dogs before. I was even thinking about getting her a puppy. But she is scared of them now.

"We saw an old dog in the street and she just pointed at it saying 'naughty doggy'.

"I tried to explain that it was a nice doggy.

"She's starting to come out of her shell a bit now. She's a really bubbly little girl."

Police are investigating the incident which happened last Thursday.

There has been increasing concern about dangerous dogs after a series of attacks on children in England last year.

One five-year-old girl in St Helens, Merseyside, was killed by a pit bull terrier.

Out-of-control dogs can be seized and destroyed and the owners faces a fine or up to six months in

prison. If the dog injures someone, that sentence can be for up to two years.

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