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## Ashland girl bit by dog in Tuftonboro

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A 3-year-old Ashland girl suffered a severe dog bite wound to her face and police said the animal's owner subsequently had the dog humanely euthanized.

Tuftonboro Police Chief Andy Shagoury said the dog, a 5-year-old neutered male mix, was tied on the deck of a private home when the victim and her family arrived to visit on Saturday about 7:30 p.m.

Authorities said the dog had been temperament tested and was a certified therapy dog. It is not known what prompted the dog to bite. Shagoury said no criminal charges would be filed.

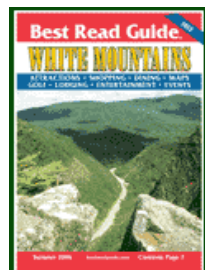
"The lesson that comes out of this is that any dog can bite and that anytime dogs and children are together they have to be very carefully supervised."

The girl was taken by Lakeside Ambulance to Huggins Hospital in neighboring Wolfeboro and later transferred to Lakes Region General Hospital to have the large wound sutured by a facial surgeon.

"They had never had any issues with the dog before," Shagoury said. The dog had been inoculated against rabies.

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