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Family dog attacks 3-year-old

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A 3-year-old Eastern Kentucky boy was flown to a West Virginia hospital Friday morning after the family dog attacked him, seriously injuring his face and head, authorities said.

Kentucky State Police were called to the home in Raven in Knott County about 9:12 a.m., just after the family dog, a mixed breed, mauled Hunter Slone.

Slone was taken by helicopter to Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, W. Va., where he was undergoing surgery about 3 p.m., hospital officials said.

Authorities did not release his condition or details about the seriousness of his injuries.

The dog was taken to Kentucky River Regional Animal Shelter in Hazard, where it will be quarantined and monitored for 10 days for signs of rabies, said Jeff Cornett, the environmental director of the Kentucky River District Health Departments.

Cornett said the family had raised the dog since it was a pup. He said it is not likely that the dog has rabies.

Either way, the family has told authorities that they don't want the dog back.

If the dog is determined to be disease free, Cornett said it will still likely be euthanized because people are reluctant to adopt animals known for biting. He said authorities will make a decision on Monday about what to do with the dog.

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