

Mum's anger at dog attack

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A MOTHER has called for action after her five-year-old son was attacked by a dog outside the family home.

Joanne Witt, of Dan yr Heol, Pantyrawel, was shocked when little Kian, who has autism, ran into the house crying with bite marks in his T-shirt.

Kian had been playing with friends on a nearby grass verge when a neighbour's German Shepherd reared up and struck him on the back.

Mrs Witt and her husband Darren had been to the supermarket with three of their five children.

No sooner had they returned than Kian ran out to meet two of his friends from down the road.

The couple were still unpacking their shopping when the incident happened.

"I was still putting stuff in the freezer when the kids came in and told us that a dog had bitten Kian," said Mrs Witt, aged 38.

"I was horrified when I saw his injuries. I think I was in shock."

Kian, who turned five two weeks ago, was bleeding from a claw and bite mark.

He was taken to the Princess of Wales Hospital, where his wounds were cleaned and bandaged.

Kian's mother and full-time carer notified police of the incident, and they arrived to question the dog's owners the following day.

"We want action taken against them or the dog to go," she said.

"Kian is autistic so he wouldn't understand if he was told to go away. We don't let him out of the house on his own and we didn't know he had gone out. He's always with someone if he goes out to play."

Mr Witt, aged 40, was furious that the attack took place on a public footpath, just yards from his home.

He said: "We want the dog gone. This is the first incident we've been involved in, but I've heard about it before. Our next door neighbours are afraid to go out in the garden."

Detective Sergeant Richard Jones of Bridgend Police, said the incident is under investigation.

"It's a particularly upsetting incident for the family. We appeal for anyone who may have any information to come forward and contact local police."

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