



It was not a pitbull, but a boerboel

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The owners of the dog that mauled baby Tshepang Taeli say they did not know that their dog had escaped through an open gate on Monday evening.

They claim to have known about the attack only a few hours later and tried to get the family's address that night but failed.

They wanted to apologise and said they would help with the medical bills.

Witnesses said they saw the owner calling the dog and closing the gate while the child was lying on the ground bleeding.

They said the owner did not bother to find out what was going on.

The 25-year-old woman, who lives with her mother, admitted that she called the boerboel called Hugo but said she had not known what had happened and only went outside when it was over.

"I went outside and saw my dog and another one fighting. I heard a baby crying and saw someone holding him and I assumed that he might have been scared by the dogs."

The woman's 53-year-old mother, who also did not want to be identified, said they were all scared of going out because someone was shouting and swearing at them.

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