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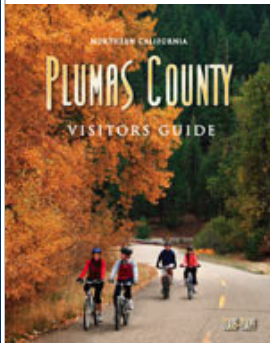


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Chester Editor

"It's after the fact for us but we want to make sure this doesn't happen to any other child," said parent Dan Stout, Tuesday, Aug. 12, whose four-year old son Avery was the victim in a dog bite incident.

He retold the incident and said, "On Monday evening (Aug.11), at approximately 7:30 p.m., I was standing outside my residence on Purdy Road talking with a neighbor when I heard my children screaming. I looked toward the screams and saw my four-year old son, Avery, running toward me with his face bleeding."

He explained that when he spoke of his children screaming, he was also, and in addition to Avery, speaking of his two older children, aged 11 and 13, who were screaming that a dog had bitten Avery.

In a verbal flashback he said "There was a huge laceration on his face and his whole lower lip looked like it was hanging off; it was like it was chewed off and just hanging there!"

He said the child's face laceration from the dog bite (s) "began in the center of his nose, continued through his lips and ended with a small cut in his chin.

"It took approximately 60 stitches, inside and out to close the laceration," he said. "Avery is looking at plastic surgery. The doctor told me that because his lip did without blood circulation for such a long while that his lip might have to be removed."

After surgery, the child was held overnight at

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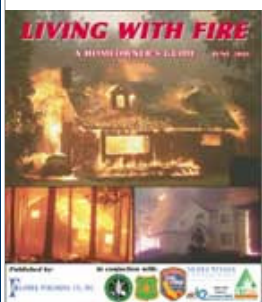
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Seneca Hospital and was discharged at approximately 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12.

The incident

Stout said the incident began when the three children decided to walk approximately two and a half blocks to the stop sign to pass the time until it was their turn to be called in to the house to shower.

"These three children are among our 11 children," he said. "Our youngest child, number 11, was born Friday evening, Aug. 8."

He said his children told him, "When they were walking by the neighbor's house Avery said 'Hi doggie' and the dog immediately began to run at him."

Stout said because the child became afraid of the dog charging at him, the child turned and began to run away.

He said when the child ran away, the dog chased him, took him down in the street and bit his face.

No help arrives

Although Stout was not present in the home after the dog bite (at hospital with child) he said his wife did call the Plumas County Sheriff's Office.

He said his wife was told "there was no animal control officer on duty and that the animal control officer would not be responding tonight, that they would respond at a time when they could talk to the dog owner and arrange to take the dog into custody."

Stout said no law enforcement officer came to his home that evening.

He said it wasn't until 1-2 p.m. Tuesday that an animal control officer arrived to place the suspected dog in confinement at Chester Veterinary.

He said his family received a call from animal control requesting that the two children who had witnessed the incident go by the animal clinic to verify the correct dog was in custody.

As of Monday morning, Aug. 28, there was some

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question whether the right dog was in custody.

Dad demands safety and owner responsibility "I feel in this day and age that I should be able to take a walk with my family without the fear of someone's dog attacking a child," said Stout.

He said no dog should be out of the yard without a leash. He said a dog could be tied up and still be able to play.

"Owners have other options where their dogs can play - they just don't have to be loose," he said. "This is like living in a drive-by neighborhood. I shouldn't have to worry about my family being attacked by a vicious dog."

County takes action

Stout said when he spoke to Plumas County Animal Control Officer Jennifer Popish he requested the dog be put down.

He also said that on his request, the officer completed the form that would allow him to speak at a hearing that will be scheduled to address destroying the dog.

As the process continued, the incident landed on the desk on Plumas County Administrative Officer Jack Ingstad, who directly supervises the animal control unit.

CAO Ingstad said the incident form completed by Animal Control Officer Popish reached his desk Wednesday morning, Aug. 13.

"When it became clear we have a situation where we are dealing with a dog that is a vicious and an immediate hazard to people, I signed the order to destroy the dog this morning," he said.

He said under applicable code sections, he could order some substantial penalties.

"We have several options available to us but we do take the most severe action initially," he said.

He said a hearing to "show cause" why the dog shouldn't be destroyed would be scheduled this week.

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He also said, "I am usually the hearing officer but in this busy time of budget hearings another person may have to conduct the hearing."

He said he would have a conversation with Plumas County's county counsel to determine who might be the hearing officer.

He said because the order to destroy the dog had been signed a hearing would need to take place as soon as possible.

He said the dog could be taken out of confinement during this process.

When he learned that neither an animal control officer or deputy sheriff had responded to the call from Mrs. Stout, he said, "At this time we only have one animal control officer to respond to all of Plumas County."

To the non-law enforcement response he said, "Because of the position we are in with minimal staffing, I had previously talked with the sheriff's office. Both the sheriff and undersheriff told me then that they would update dispatch to send officers as needed."

In a brief follow-up call Aug. 15, Ingstad relayed the information that the dog had been seized in accordance with Plumas County Code 6-1.213(d).

He said, "The owner will be served with a Notice of Hearing, and will have the opportunity to show cause why the dog shouldn't be destroyed."

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