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## Belle Plaine Boy Recounts Bite From Sumner County Sheriff K-9

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[Boy Bitten By Sumner County Sheriff Dog](#)



10-year-old Corbin Wehling was at the Belle Plaine City Park when he asked a man walking a dog if he could pet it. When he rode his bike away, the dog, who is a member of the Sumner County Sheriff K-9 Unit, bit him. [A](#) | [A](#) | [A](#)

"It hurt more than anything I've ever felt before," Wehling said. "It hurt so bad I can't even explain it."

Sheriff Gerald Gilkey said, for some reason, the dog took Wehling down, leaving bite marks that required 24 stitches. □

"I don't know what caused it to happen," Gilkey said. "We never should have been in that situation."

The dog, who's currently in Oklahoma with his handler, is one of two that Sumner County uses.

"The gentleman who was walking the dog wasn't a police K-9 handler. We should have never been in that situation to begin with," said Gilkey.

The dog's handler is currently off duty with a broken foot, so his roommate - a former officer - offered to walk the dog. Gilkey said the dogs are trained to attack if necessary and shouldn't be put in a situation like the park, especially without their trainer.

"We all need to realize that police K-9's are tools for police," said Gilkey.

Wehling's family says even though this has rattled them, they appreciate the help and the apology the sheriff's office has given them.

"The officers have been really kind," explained Chancie Shafer, Wehling's mother. "They've come over and checked on Corbin and made sure he's all right."

Gilkey said the dog will remain on the force but they'll re-evaluate how they handle their dogs.

Wehling's mom tells us the sheriff's office has paid for her son's medical expenses.

The sheriff said this is the first incident of this kind in the 13 years his department has used police dogs.

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