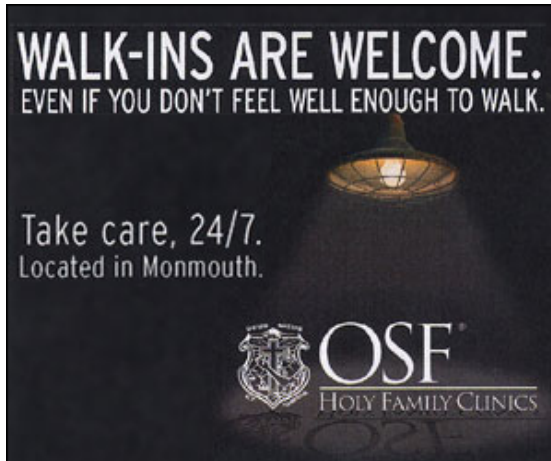


Local boy recovering after dog attack

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MONMOUTH — An 11-year-old juvenile boy is on the mend after a dog attack last week on his way home from school.

The boy was walking home from Lincoln Intermediate School Wednesday, Nov. 26 when a pair of eight-month-old American Bull Dogs attacked him on the sidewalk in front of the home at 1030 E. Third Ave.

The boy was transported to OSF Holy Family Medical Center to be treated for injuries, that police officials said were primarily puncture wounds on the face, neck, ear and arm.

"(The dogs) are usually very playful played with him before," said Robin Sage, Animal Control Officer for the Monmouth Police Department, repeating what the boy told her. "Something happened (to make the dogs attack) we don't know."

Sage said the dogs probably went into "pack mode."

Of the two dogs, one was more aggressive and kept on attacking and wouldn't let go of the boy after the other had stopped. The more aggressive dog, a female, was put to sleep after the attack. The second dog, a male, was allowed to stay alive but has to follow state guidelines for dog bite cases. The dog will have to be examined by a vet, and must stay indoors for 10 days, only surrounded by immediate family members.

The dogs went through an underground wire fence designed to shock them if they leave the yard.

The dog owner, Michael Mortensen, was issued a citation for a dog at large. According to police reports, both dogs had their rabies inoculation.

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First of all, 11-year-old juvenile boy is HIGHLY redundant.

you wouldn't say a 35-year-old adult man.

Also ...

If its out of the week, just use the date. Nov. 26, you don't have to say Wednesday.

Also, between proper nouns, you would insert 'on'

Intermediate School ON Wednesday.

at the playground Wednesday.

The age of the dogs is irrelevant. It offers nothing to the story. And no one said the age of the dogs contributed to the attacks.

The boy was transported from where?

OSF was his first stop I assume. So he was taken.

Which ear and which arm was injured.

Should have paraphrased the quote. Repeating what the boy told her? And you have it in quotations? Just say:

According to Animal Control Officer Robin Sage, the boy said the dogs were usually very playful. And did the boy say 'something happened to make them attack?'

that's all for now. use and improve.

lpreston214

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Since the attack took place 'on the sidewalk in front of the home at 1030 E. Third Ave' I would guess he was transported from there. Maybe you should read the article for content as well as critiquing it for style.

burke53

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Hey Objectivity,

You forgot capital letters in three of your sentences. Also, it should be 'it's out of the week,' with an apostrophe. I stopped counting after your 7th incomplete sentence. Another thing you may want to consider is indenting your paragraphs.

You should check out Careerbuilder.com and start looking for a job!

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To both of you who commented. I simply was leaving quick notes. But leave it to people who probably know nothing to comment on minor things on a message board instead of a published edition.

Also, careerbuilder.com sucks. If you got your job there, then ... well, you can figure out the rest.

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In addition, the word 'may' signals permission.

You should have used 'might'.

Also, I wasn't typing in paragraph form.

Did you indent?

7th would be spelled out in the context you used it.

CaninesCorner

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Amazing grammar is the topic of the comments as opposed to the news story posted. Age of the dogs is important to the attack - it gives you clues to the possible triggers for the attack, just as the sex of each dog. Something not listed in the news story is whether or not they were both intact (not spayed or neutered), for the majority of dog bites and attacks are done by intact males. I would comment upon that, as opposed to grammar!

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The age of the dog is important to the story, IF and ONLY IF there is documentation in the story to back it up.

There were no questions asked, or least no one in the story speaking as to why age is important. But I agree that maybe that should have been researched more. Good point, Canines.

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