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### Dog owners want stricter laws after attack



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BOYNTON BEACH, FL -- A Boynton Beach family is calling on lawmakers to make dog owners more liable when their pets attack.

They say their Maltese was the latest victim of a neighborhood dog with a violent past.

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The victim is now on the road to recovery.

"I was scared," said young dog owner Jamie Sabac. "I was hoping Beaner wouldn't die."

More than a dozen stitches line the 2-year-old's little body, along with a plastic drain tube.

"We really want to make sure that this doesn't happen to somebody else," said dog owner Rebecca Sabac. "Next time,

it could be a child, like my daughter."

It turns out, Jamie was with mom Rebecca and Beaner on a walk, when a neighbor's dog broke free from his leash and attacked the Maltese so violently, the dog was bleeding severely.

"I don't want the dog to come back," said Jamie. "I'm afraid it's going to hurt another dog."

Neighbor John Burns shows us the spot in front of his home where his dog Rocky broke from his leash and attacked.

An apologetic Burns says it's a Great Dane/Lab mix.

The rescue dog is now in the pound while authorities investigate.

"It was unfortunate event that happened," said Burns. "It was an accident. It's not like he's a dangerous dog. He is not a Pit Bull."

Burns admits his dog has hurt at least two dogs so far.

He says his home is now in foreclosure and he's broke.

Otherwise, he'd compensate the victims, before moving up North.

"I'm destitute right now, without a job," said Burns. "I'm trying to make ends meet. Once I get back on my feet, I'll do the best I can to help them out."

The Sabacs have spent thousands on medical expenses for Beaner, but that's not the main issue for them.

"We'd like to see laws passed that its mandated that people have to have dangerous animals permitted and insured," said dog owner Steve Sabac.

And Jamie just wants Beaner to stick around.

"I just hope Beaner will live for a long, long time," she said.

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