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## **Dog Bite hospitalizes two children**

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Two girls, ages 2 and 8, were sent to Floyd Medical Center early Thursday evening after being bitten by a dog in West Rome.

Police say the incident happened outside of an apartment complex in the 1300 block of Burnett Ferry Road around 7:15 p.m. when the two girls were walking with their babysitter to take out the trash and came near the dog's puppies.

The dog, described as a coonhound, did not have a rabies tag. It left the two children wounded, tearing the 2-year-old's leg, which required stitches, and, leaving the 8-year-old with a puncture wound on her arm, said Capt. Tom Ewing with Floyd County police.

A 6-year-old girl scared the dog away.

The dog belongs to a neighbor and has been quarantined.

Animal Control director Jason Broome said the dog would be quarantined at a licensed veterinary facility for 10 days for the purpose of rabies observation.

If the dog tests positive, then the girls will receive rabies vaccinations.

Broome said he wasn't sure Thursday if the owner of the dog will be charged.

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