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The sixth dog attack on oahu in just weeks caused severe injuries to a seven year old boy.

The incident has changed the way the boy's family looks at their own pet and dangerous dog control.

Seven year old Sam Ahue was playing at a house near his grandparent's home in Ewa Beach this weekend when his mother says the neighbor's Akita-Chow breed attacked.

"I didn't get to see all his wounds at first, then after I got to look at it and it was really bad. I couldn't stop crying for him ,and he was crying, but I thought I had to be strong," says Tanni Abad, Dog attack's victim's mother.

Sam's injuries required multiple stitches and staples to the head and face. also to his arm, back and side. It's just the latest in a rash of dog attacks in recent weeks.

"There's been a lot and we've been watching it and I was shocked to get a phone call and hear that it's my own," says Abad.

The Humane Society is responding to a request to investigate. Sam's family hopes the dog owners will consider putting the animal down as has happened in other recent dog attacks. Sam wants other dog owners to be careful.

"Keep 'em on a leash or put them in the back, can't put em in the front. somebody could by by the house and get attacked," says Sam Ahue, Dog Attack Victim.

"People have to watch out. you don't know what dogs are going to do, and I didn't think that it would happen and it did. It's traumatizing," says Abad.

Sams family -- which also includes two younger siblings -- has owned a pit bull for a year. Though they say their pet is gentle, they're looking for a new home for their pet now that they've seen first hand how dogs can snap.

"It's hard...we're just going to give him up for my son's safety," says Abad.

"I don't want him to feel like he can't walk into the house because we have a dog and he;s going to be scared. I want him to feel safe and secure with our home," says Abad.

A bill that would ban the pit bull breed in Hawaii will not be moving forward at the legislature, but the key committee will hear a more broad "dangerous dog" bill gets a hearing this Friday.

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