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Dog Is Euthanized After It Attacks Child

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A seven year old child is attacked by a dog that his mother brought home to foster just days earlier. [A](#) | [A](#) | [A](#)

The dog has been euthanized and the boy is left with serious injuries.

The attack happened on Tuesday night and the two year old boxer mix had been in the house for less than a week. □

The dog had been a stray for several months before arriving at the shelter. And officials say all strays carry the risk of unknown behavior.

The child suffered bites to his left leg and scratches to his right leg.

Normally a bite like this would lead to the animal being quarantined, but this dog was euthanized because the shelter did not feel comfortable adopting out or further rehabilitating the animal after the attack....

"It was more or less a precaution. It wasn't that we necessarily felt the animal may be rabid but it's part of our testing to make sure we're providing citizens with that level of care as well as the animals that are in house," says Stephanie Sikorski, humane educator and interim director at the Leon County Animal Shelter.

The shelter wants to remind everyone that there's always an element of risk any time you bring a shelter animal into your home, so it's important never to leave a child unattended with the pet.

The shelter says the boy is doing ok and is at home. He was at the doctor on Tuesday after the attack but was never admitted to a hospital. He received a few stitches but he's doing fine now.

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