

Animal Control seeking dog after biting incident

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A small, white Maltese dog is being sought by Sutter County Animal Control after a biting a 6-year-old boy near the Shanghai Bend area of Yuba City.

Animal Control wants to confirm the dog's health after the family pet bit the boy Sunday in their Swift Creek Court backyard, said Randy Cagle, assistant director of community service. The male Maltese-mix is about 6 years old, colored white with bits of tan and has long hair. Its name is Alex.

"The dog is a little shy and kinda spooky," Cagle said. "He may have bitten out of fear."

Alex bit the boy in the face while playing ball, but the child was not badly hurt and did not need stitches. The Maltese has no history of aggressive behavior.

Animal Control is not worried about rabies because Alex is current on his shots. But it is standard procedure for any dog to be quarantined after a bite and to see if it is likely to bite again.

"We are kind of afraid maybe somebody has the dog," Cagle said. "If another family has him, we don't want this to be repeated."

The county is also worried about the dog's safety, because it is shy and may be too afraid of people to look for a home. Alex escaped when the family was taking out the trash the night of the bite.

"If we could get the public to help us out and get the dog back, it would be in everybody's best interests," Cagle said.

It is unknown if the family wants Alex back.

Anyone with information about the dog's location can contact the shelter at 822-7375.

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