

Dog bite ordeal of Luke, 9

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A NINE-YEAR-OLD boy was bitten by a German Shepherd dog as he made his way home from school in Torquay.

Luke Bodley-Tickell suffered a puncture wound after the dog leapt up and sunk his teeth into his arm in Bowerland Avenue on Monday afternoon.

Luke, who attends Barton Junior School, was left screaming and lying on the ground in pain. His mum Amanda, of Padacre Road, reported the incident to police and gave them what details she could about the dog's owner.

"I think this dog is dangerous. People should know. Luke loves dogs, and did nothing to provoke this one. It's lucky he was wearing his jumper. If he hadn't I think the injuries would have been a lot worse," she said.

Luke had been walking along with his 14-year-old brother Nathan when the incident happened at 3.40pm.

Amanda claims the owner became verbally aggressive when Nathan remonstrated with him about the dog's actions.

She said: "Fortunately a woman living opposite came out and checked Luke was all right, which was nice of her.

"He was taken to hospital and treated before being let home. He had a puncture wound to his arm and some bad bruising. He was given some anti-biotics and was returning to school yesterday."

She added: "It's a shame this happened because Luke is such a dog lover, although he is always wary of the bigger ones."

Luke was due to be interviewed by an investigating officer.

"The matter is being pursued," said a spokesman.

Anyone who saw the incident can ring police on 08452 777444, quoting log 566 of April 27.





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