

Boy hurt in dog attack

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Greenwood, N.Y. -

A dog attack in the village Wednesday evening has placed a teenaged-boy in a Rochester hospital.

Gary Hadsell, Canisteo dog control officer, has confirmed that a bull mastiff-mixed dog severely bit a 13- or 14-year-old boy, sending him to the hospital for lacerations to the face.

"The way I understand it the dog got loose and the kid, he had been around the dog before, and when he went to tie the dog back up and dropped the chain it bit him in the face. It was pretty bad," said Hadsell. He said the dog is being held in the Greenwood town kennel and had not been put to sleep as far as he knew. He estimated that it weighed between 60 and 75 pounds.

Hadsell was called to collar the dog and said it tried to bite him as well.

"When he came for me he was on a chain and I didn't give him a chance ... he's mean," he said.

A neighbor said the boy's name is Michael Gerbs, that he lives on Main Street and he had his nose, lips and teeth damaged during the attack.

Gerbs was listed in satisfactory condition this morning in Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester.

Troopers and a Steuben County Sheriff's deputy responded to the incident.

Greenwood Dog Control Officer Doris Williams was not available for comment.



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