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No citation in Brookline dog attack

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Brookline — A 3-year-old child is reportedly recovering after he or she was attacked and bitten in the face by a dog at the Pierce Playground last Friday.

Capt. John O'Leary said the town's animal control officer visited the child and reported that s/he was "doing fine." The dog will be quarantined for 10 days as required by town policy, though O'Leary said the animal was up to date on its shots, and won't likely need to be tested for rabies.

O'Leary said the dog was on a leash and playing with a stick when the child ran up and jumped on it.

"The dog then snapped at [the child] and bit [the child] in the face and then went back to doing what it was doing," O'Leary said.

Because the dog was on a leash at the time of the incident, the department is not seeking a citation against the owner, O'Leary said. Pierce Playground, where the attack occurred, is not one of the 14 Brookline parks where dogs are permitted off leash during certain hours.

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