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4-year-old injured in dog attack

Staff Reports

A 4-year-old girl suffered injuries from a dog attack Thursday in Henderson County.

Sheriff's deputies responded to the Foxwood Mobile Home Park and found the girl had wandered into the yard of a neighbor to pet the dog, according to a sheriff's news release.

At some point the dog knocked the girl to the ground, bit down on her head and dragged her across the yard, the sheriff's office said. A neighbor, as well as the dog's owner responded and separated the dog from the child. The dog owner also called 911.

The girl, who was not identified, suffered lacerations to the scalp and was taken to the hospital by her parents. Her condition was unknown late Thursday.

Animal control officers took the dog into custody. Records show it has a current rabies vaccination, according to the news release. The dog was not roaming free and was contained by an underground fence. Charges against the dog's owner are not expected.

The dog's owner signed the dog over to the sheriff's department. It is protocol that the dog be euthanized and examined for rabies.
