



# Dog Attack: Toddler Died Of Fractured Skull

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**An 18-month-old girl attacked by a family dog died of blood loss and fracturing of the skull from multiple bites, a post-mortem has revealed.**



The girl was taken to hospital in Redhill where she was pronounced dead

Zumer Ahmed was killed by the animal - believed to be an American bulldog - in the kitchen of her home in Broadfield, Crawley, on Saturday.

Sussex Police said the attack happened in front of the girl's three-year-old sister, mother and grandmother. Detective Chief Inspector Trevor Bowles, who is leading the investigation, said the dog entered the house from the garden.

"What happened next was truly horrific as the dog picked up the child and attacked it in front of her family," he said.

"Two workmen at a nearby property heard screaming and ran to the house to help.

"They were able to distract the animal, who dropped the baby from its jaws.

"One of them then pulled the child to safety before an ambulance was called."

Zumer was taken to East Surrey Hospital in Redhill, where she was pronounced dead shortly afterwards.

Her uncle, 32-year-old Urfan Ahmed - who lives at the same address and is the owner of the dog - was arrested on suspicion of manslaughter.

He was later released on bail until July 15 pending further inquiries.

The dog was being "securely held" until detectives received confirmation on the breed.

While the animal would be destroyed, a police spokeswoman said the American bulldog "is not a breed to be banned under the Dangerous Dogs Act".

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