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Man injured in dog attack

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By K.A. WAGONER - Staff Writer

A Rocky Mount man was seriously injured Wednesday afternoon when he was bitten by a dog while walking along Calico Rock Road.

The 56-year-old man was walking near his residence on Sweet Gum Lane about 5 p.m. when a 50-pound Labrador charged him and bit the bottom of his face, according to Capt. Marvin Woods with Animal Control.

The victim was treated for severe lacerations at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, Woods said. He has been released from the hospital.

The animal is being tested for rabies at the Franklin County Animal Hospital, Woods said.

The owner of the dog has been charged with failing to vaccinate his animal for rabies, Woods added.

The identity of the victim has not been released, and Woods said he did not know why the dog attacked the man.

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