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A family pet bit a child Thursday afternoon.

Deputies responded to a home on Rabbit Run Lane near Winkler's Creek to find the dog (a mastiff) already secured and a child with severe facial bites.

The child was transported via ambulance to Watauga Medical Center and accompanied by a deputy who "applied direct pressure on the wound," Captain Jeff Virginia said.

Virginia confirms the dog was a member of the boy's household, though no details of the events leading up to the attack have been released.

No word on the condition of the child, but we were told he was in surgery last night.

The dog allegedly responsible is currently at the Watauga Animal Shelter pending the investigation.

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