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## Dog bite victim returns home; mutt to be euthanized



Two-year-old Preston, seen here with his mother Chantale, is recovering at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto from dog bites to the face after being bitten by a dog on Saturday. His mother is upset animal control has left the dog in its owner's care for the 10 days of required observation, rather than taking it to the shelter. Supplied photo.

**Jul 28, 2010**

**By: Stacey Lavallie - Sudbury Northern Life Staff**

In less than a week, Princess the dog is going to be euthanized. The dog reportedly bit two-year-old Preston Patterson on July 24, just a few days before his third birthday, and caused deep puncture wounds to his right cheek and forehead.

Preston is back at home now after being treated at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. The owner of the mixed-breed dog, Lucie de Chevigny, is keeping Princess quarantined in her basement, and will voluntarily give her up to be euthanized on Aug. 3.

According to Holly Browne, a manager in the environmental health division of the Sudbury and District Health Unit, it is customary to allow the owner to keep the subject dog during a 10-day observation period. The dog must be kept isolated from other animals and people.

Richard Paquette, shelter manager for animal control, confirmed de Chevigny has "voluntarily agreed to have the dog euthanized."

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who had been given a dose of**

But that isn't enough for Chantale Rollins, Preston's mother. She said she is upset de Chevigny is allowed to keep the dog at home, rather than in the shelter.

"If she wasn't monitoring her vicious dog in her yard, she's not monitoring the dog in the basement," she said.

Rollins and de Chevigny, who live in the Ryan Heights housing complex near Notre Dame Avenue, disagree on what happened the day of the incident. Rollins said the dog reached the end of de Chevigny's backyard and bit her son in the public courtyard beyond it.

But de Chevigny said her dog's leash is too short to let the dog reach the end of the yard, and Preston must have entered the yard.

De Chevigny said she did not see the incident, as she was with her son in the front yard, but came quickly when her nephew's friend said Princess had bitten someone.

"It sounds like I am an unfit person and a cruel person," she wrote in an e-mail to Northern Life. "That is not the case. I am a very loving person and a good mother." She said she quickly went over to Rollins' unit, but was told to leave. She said she is worried about the boy and how he is doing. She does not dispute Princess bit Preston, and that is why she is having the dog euthanized.

Rollins said it took about 20 minutes for the ambulance to reach her home.

Once at Sudbury Regional Hospital, Rollins said the doctor told her he couldn't do anything. He said he was worried there may be nerve damage to Preston's face, and plastic surgery would likely be necessary to repair the damage. He arranged for Preston to go to the Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) in Toronto.

Preston had deep bites below and above his right eye. Part of the skin on his face was missing.



Two-year-old Preston Patterson (right) is recovering after he was bit by a neighbour's dog. The bite wounds to his face required hundreds of stitches and a trip to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto for treatment. Supplied photo.

"You can see inside my baby's face," Rollins said, her voice filled with emotion, during a phone interview with Northern Life from SickKids.

"(The doctor said) the air ambulance will take 13 hours, because (Preston's) medically stable," Rollins said. "The doctor asked if I had a car, then said 'Do you think you can drive him? You can get him there faster.'"

Rollins bundled up her son, who had been given a dose of morphine for the pain, and sped in her car to the door of SickKids in downtown Toronto.

"They fixed him up nicely," Rollins said. "Triage was fantastic, nurses were fantastic, the doctors were fantastic."

Though Preston was initially expected to be sent home on July 26, infection kept them in Toronto an extra day.

Rollins' father, who lives in Etobicoke, is critical of the entire incident from start to finish.

"As Grandpa, I got a big huge question about the medical services in Sudbury," he said.

"Why couldn't they clean the wound? Why couldn't they give us an ambulance to get him down here?"

He also said he doesn't blame the dog.

"Don't blame the dog. There's enough bad press about dogs. It's the person that trained the dog that's the problem. Any dog can bite, if you don't train it properly."

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**Lucie**

7/27/2010 8:47:29 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

To LadyLove....i'm pretty sure i know who u are and your statement "As a very close friend to all of this...the dog is vicious. There are 2 dogs there that are NOT friendly..I have witnessed them growling at myself, my children and other people that go by"... Growl?? .. If you call barking growling then u need to go back to school.. dogs bark that all dogs do when people walk by doesnt mean my dogs are vicious I have a son of my own and if i ever thought my dogs where dangerous i would not still have them.. the only thing vicious is the people threatening my friend with a bat in front of kids.. God what are u parents teaching your kids?



**PrestonsAunt**

7/27/2010 7:58:08 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

My apologies for refreshing my screen. I had no idea that the post would be repeated over and over.

Just let me validate what I said. I said that pressurization was a concern. Air Ambulance helicopters do not pressurize as they travel at lower altitudes. Air Canada Dash 8's travel at 20 000 feet. My nephew's cheek was gone, and he had an even worse wound on his forehead. Think pressurization might cause some trouble??

Chantale had to weigh the pros and cons of everything.

By the time I would have cashed in my Aeroplan points (an hour on the Aeroplan 800 #???), gotten Chantale and Preston to the airport, waited for the flight (an hour prior to departure you must check-in), then an hour flight to Toronto, plus another half hour (I am guessing) to Sick Kids Hospital from Pearson, where would we have saved time????

Plus that would have left Chantale and Preston with no ride home when the time came. Using the car was the best scenario with the limited amount of time that we felt we had to make a decision. After all, Preston was given Morphine at 1pm and we were absolutely conscious of the fact that he needed to be at Sick Kids before it wore off. My own nightmare was that half way there the morphine would wear off and he would be in severe pain with no medical professionals around to help him. I think that was Chantale's point...

Her other point is that her son has now been released from the hospital and is on his way home. :) :) How is he going to feel knowing that the dog is still there? Will he be able to go outdoors and feel safe? Will Chantale be able to let her boys play outdoors and feel that they are safe? A child that drops his ball should not need to fear that picking it up could put him in danger. The mental ramifications of this trauma will be with him for the rest of his life.



**Northern Guy**

7/27/2010 7:35:04 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

Hello people... when you post a comment and the hit the refresh button, the same comment gets posted again... just in case some of you haven't noticed by now.



**photog**

7/27/2010 7:22:05 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

Really Joy\_3 really?

Do you personally know Chantalle or her sons father? How do you know the mother is on welfare, how do you know she is a smoker?

How do you think your comments are in any means appropriate?

Saying that this mother needs parenting 101 is a little off topic here, the only things that need to be said

are  
 The dogs needs to be put down.  
 And Get well soon.  
 get your facts stright before you attack this poor girl.  
 She DID NOT leave her child unattended.  
 the dog was not fenced in, it was out in the open, hence why the little boy could get his ball you moron.  
 You are honestly sickening to be attacking her in this manner, your focus need to be directed to the little boy and his condition.  
 I hope some dog finds you and tears you face off, then we can all sit here and say the thing you are saying, and call your parent a degenerate. You've got a pretty big mouth for someone who doesn't know the story, or feel the need to open up your damn eye's and read it, you take it into your own context and make accusations...YOUR SICK.

Get better soon Preston! Can't wait till you are back home playing safely with all your toys :)



**Northern Guy**

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@ Lucie... Sounds like you did everything correctly with regards to restraining your dog and you should not feel guilty. Having said that, I am familiar with your area and it is not appropriate for some dogs... especially 'sporting' breeds or 'working' breeds.  
 People with best intentions unknowingly get dogs that require a lot of exercise or 'work' and when such a dog doesn't get that, they develop 'bad' behaviors.  
 Maybe you made a bad choice as to what kind of dog to get as a pet... but that's not a reason to kill the dog. I hope you at least think about the alternative. If I didn't already have three dogs, I'd offer to take her from you.



**joy\_3**

7/27/2010 6:54:47 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

Parenting CLASS 101 for Moms who think it okay for their kid to be around dogs and then blames everyone else except herself. She is scary with how she blames even the Emergency Room Doctors, Nurses and Neighbours.  
 There is a protocol for dealing with dogs and toddlers It starts with NEVER allowing ANY dog to be unattended around your toddler for one micro second. Older children must always ASK PERMISSION from the owner and their parents BEFORE petting any dog. I never allowed my children near strange dogs much less pet them.  
 NEVER approach a dog who is confined behind a fence, or on a chain.  
 NEVER approach a strange dog you don't know or a dog who is not with his owner.  
 Do not scream and be loud around dog.  
 Children should not stare into the eyes of a dog.  
 If you are in the area of a stray dog - leave that area.  
 No toddler should be left alone even with the family friendly dog not even for 1 second



**toujours frais**

7/27/2010 6:37:56 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

Good Advice joy\_3, where did you cut and paste that from?



**joy\_3**

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Every year, a staggering number of children suffer horrific injuries from a dog attack and many cases, the dog is known to the child.  
 Supervise your children around strange dogs, even dogs you know quite well, as children are little balls of energy that can either over-stimulate or frighten some dogs. Encourage your child to be quiet and still around strange dogs as noise and activity may provoke the dog to jump up at them. As we don't know how a dog is going to react to unfamiliar children or people, it is best to assume they may be nervous or defensive. As parents, we need to teach our children to behave appropriately around all dogs. Children instinctively believe that a dog wagging its tail is friendly and can therefore be approached. However, no dog should be touched by a child without the owner's permission - they know how their dog will react around strangers. A dog that has had little exposure to children could be nervous or afraid. If a dog is tied up or restrained in some way, and is unable to "escape" from a fearful situation, it may bite out of fear. Likewise, encouraging children to "make friends" with it could also provoke the same reaction. Never allow your child to approach or touch an unknown dog while it is eating, especially if it is eating a bone as this brings out the wolf in almost any dog. This also applies to the family pet. Children love to feed their animals and this is a great way of establishing the relationship between your child and their dog. Teach your children to respect that the dog needs to feel safe when it is eating and therefore they need to keep their distance and allow their dog to eat undisturbed.  
 Dont sit on the steps looking at the back of your kid's head assuming that the chain won't reach a courtyard.

**toujours frais**7/27/2010 6:30:00 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

Prestons Aunt - Thank you for the clarification and straight answers! Stay strong for Preston!

Lucie - I cannot imagine having to put down one of my pets. I believe you are experiencing extreme anguish as well - my heart goes out to you.

joy\_3 - you are one hypocritical waste of space. You have no history of this child so stop judging. You have no idea of how this child or his injuries would adjust to the pressure experienced with flight. There is nothing in this story to suggest that Chantale does not love that child with every fibre of her being so you have ABSOLUTELY NO RIGHT to throw out the condescending remarks regarding her mother, father or family. You are disgusting, compassionless person and hope that you are never involved in a similar situation - no-one should have to experience the same garbage that you are spewing.

**PrestonsAunt**7/27/2010 6:09:09 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

that dog biting him. This is the only "fact" that needs to be known. With the action there is a reaction.

I have watched Chantale raise these children by herself for many years. She is a great mom!!! Her children are outdoors daily. Her children prefer water over juice. Her children love to go for walks and they love animals. Rarely do you see them in front of a TV. Always Chantale is with them. I know with every breath that I have that Chantale was watching Preston on Saturday and that when his ball got away from him, he was monitored as he went to pick it up.

The fact that the doghouse was moved to the center of the small yard allotted allowed the dog access to the public area of the courtyard. I saw the doghouse with my own eyes. When Preston went to pick up his ball he was still in the public area of the courtyard where NO DOG is allowed to be! A safe area!! Preston's back was to his mom as he picked up his ball and of course Chantale didnt expect the dog to be able to reach Preston.

I personally saw at least a dozen children playing in that courtyard when I was there on Saturday. This should be a safe haven for these children and I believe that the complex is designed in this manner so that the children can have this safe area for themselves.

**Lucie**7/27/2010 5:55:40 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

Firstly my dog CAN NOT reach the end of my yard... I AM going to euthanized my dog when her 10 day quarantine is over. I am the one that called everyone about this the animal control, police, and health unit. Yes my dog is quarantine in my house for her 10 days she is the same like always playful and loving. yes my dog house got moved but not her chain so that mean she has less movement now cause the dog house is in the way.

**PrestonsAunt**7/27/2010 5:48:50 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

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**PrestonsAunt**7/27/2010 5:47:36 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

I am only going to post once and only once. Our family is currently in an emotional upheaval since Saturday. We are emotionally drained, and for the four adults sitting at Preston's bedside, they are also physically drained.

I love dogs! I oppose Breed Specific Legislature and have always thought that each dog should be treated on their own actions and not treated as a 'breed'. Therefore, before my nephew was bit, and now

after he has been bitten, I have not altered my beliefs. He should be treated by his own actions.

I feel a need to clarify certain items I read here today. Why I feel this way, I have no idea, but here it goes.

I was at the hospital. I spoke directly to the nurse in charge of Preston's case. I was given very direct answers to very direct questions. Chantale needed to weigh the pros and cons of either a waiting game or getting Preston to Toronto by another means of transport. We discussed air travel (which was feasible) and driving. With air travel Chantale could have held Preston in her arms throughout the whole flight, but we were concerned with pressurization. With car travel Preston needed to be in a car seat and if he needed his mom during the trip the most she would be able to do is talk to him or rub him. I personally watched the carseat being installed in the car and Preston being safely buckled into it.

I feel for the family that owns this dog. I do not know them, and I can only imagine the emotions that they are going through right now knowing what their pet has done to another persons child. Knowing that their pet will be destroyed next week is certainly not making me jump for joy. I feel for the children that might be in that household and that the parents need to ask them to say good-bye to their dog.

But, a child (who was in a center courtyard with a dozen other children) is in acute care at Sick Kids due to that dog biting him. This is the only "fact" that needs to be known. With the action th



**Northern Guy**

7/27/2010 5:25:35 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

A truly unfortunate accident. Best wishes for the little guy and his family.

I appreciate how this must be very emotional for those involved, but please try to remain rational. How is killing the dog going to help Preston's wounds heal? Don't misunderstand me, some dogs do need to be put down, but it just doesn't sound like this is one of them.

It sounds like there are a few problems here, none of which are the dog's fault. First of all, why the ten day quarantine? Was the dog vaccinated? If not, the owner was being irresponsible. I hope the owner can do the responsible thing now and rather than put the dog down, surrender it to the animal shelter. Maybe the dog can find a good home... this really doesn't sound like a vicious dog.

One problem with any dog is the fact that they are armed with sharp teeth and claws. What amounts to 'play' for a dog can inflict serious injuries to humans. That is the reason for not allowing small children to approach a dog unsupervised.



**LadyLove**

7/27/2010 5:23:19 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

Why would that even matter? Who cares...the story is focused on the baby and his recovery. Here's to a speedy recovery Preston!

Quite frankly nobody needs to answer to you or any of us really...



**joy 3**

7/27/2010 5:20:06 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

Enough of me, sknstry, mother and aunt sounding off on one another. I want to hear from Preston's DADDY and what support he will be giving his son. Want to hear from all four grandparents to see how they will support the innocent baby. Maybe the grandparents or Daddy can take care of the other one so Mom can be with the victim at Sick Kids. Don't hear any close family supporting poor Preston except know it all like us talking about BAD ER doctors, and speeding to Toronto that could have killed many other children on the highway. Even ambulances are covered by the law and can't go that fast. Who droved the baby to Toronto? Where is the baby's father in all this.



**rightofcentre**

7/27/2010 4:55:58 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

really I wasn't going to comment on this article but I've been biting my lip for a while now. This is clearly a very traumatizing experience for the child and the mother but why add to your stress by running to the Northern Life?!

When you air your laundry in public expect people to disagree with you or at the very least question you.

The dog is going to be put down, it's in quarrantine and cannot harm any more children.

I feel we will never know the full details of this story as we just have one person's word about what really happened. Something doesn't quite add up to me but that doesn't change the fact that a dog bit a kid and that kid was seriously hurt. The dog should be put down without a doubt but there a more details here that need clarification - how far was the dog's area from the child's yard? how well supervised was the child when the mother knew there was a potentially dangerous dog around? how can you not tell the difference between a dog "kissing" and a dog biting?

I have dogs and they're only young so they like to play. I have had so many unsupervised kids run up to my animals and jump on them, pull their ears, play with them etc... everytime i panic and think "what if" something happens? Its my dogs that would get the blame and I'd have to put them down. I've said this to the parents of the unsupervized kids so many times but they just say "Oh they're only playing" or "cute dogs awww".

There needs to be respect on both sides of the issue in my opinion.



**Kratos624**

7/27/2010 4:38:23 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

How shameful, the display of Sudburians in the predicament of the this family. A young mother, and two -year old boy will never be able to vanquish the frightening events which took place. Your obtuse input about the situation is nothing more than a demonstration of your plebeian lives. I wish the young boy a speedy and full recovery, and to the mother, a sense of peace with time. It would be commendable if all of the people who read this article, would do the same.



**LadyLove**

7/27/2010 4:28:49 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

You are right I live in the area, yes. I am a good person and well educated as well. I worry when I see their back door open where the accident took place and they are not around. I worry about where the other dog is? Is it locked up in the house somewhere? I don't know..but I was sure hoping so as me and my children had to walk by; however rest assured we did not stay outside strictly for the "what if" off chance. I choose not to ask them their side as I actually have heard some of it from one of their friends, regardless of the incident I strongly believe the dog should be put down and I am glad it will be. I just hope they are doing the proper quarantine and watching the dog's behaviour,just in case.

In regards to Preston, I do surely hope the scars will fade in time as much as they can. He really has suffered a great deal that no child and no person ever should. It's a tragedy.



**skndstry**

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LadyLove - there is a statement from the owners in the revised article. Have YOU talked to the owners? It is apparent you live right there - why not go over and see what it is all about?

Are you making assumptions about what kind of people they are, or do you know them well enough to be so critical? They dared have a laugh while talking to the neighbours? I have laughed at things in times of incredible grief and pain. How do you know how they feel if you aren't in their shoes? Could they not be genuinely sorry, ashamed, and worried, and still laugh at a joke? I don't know - apparently you saw them whooping it up. Or did you?

But don't make assumptions. You sound like a good person, but right now, you are the one passing judgement.



**skndstry**

7/27/2010 4:09:03 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

Everybody is concerned for Preston. Plastic surgeons can do a lot these days, so hopefully by the time he is older the scars will fade and it is pretty much assured given his age that he'll have no memory of this.

But honestly - Suez? how many times does it need to be said that the hospital cannot "offer" an ambulance - ambulances are not controlled by the hospital? They are controlled by the City. Air ambulance by someone else. They are for emergencies, not transfers.

And the "hospital" does not make a judgement - a trained ER doctor does. So, really, what should the doctor have done? He said, basically, you can wait, or you can drive. Driving will get you there sooner. They chose to drive.

What if they had died? Well, I'm sure you'd have found a way to blame that on the hospital too, even though the parents shaved an hour and a half off a four hour drive, so they had to have been going well over the speed limit all the way there.

Think before you criticize. Everybody seems to want to second guess doctors who save lives EVERY DAY. Who are you to call their judgement into question? What do you know about it?



**LadyLove**

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Thank you Suez..that's a positive comment..and FYI He will need another surgery as he becomes older for this and will be scarred for life.

As for the owners..how come nobody is still asking where they are? They are suffering

apparently..however, I see this lady outside last night laughing and having a good time with neighbours..she's really that distraught and worried about those threats? Come on!



[Suez](#)

7/27/2010 3:53:35 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

I can't imagine how I would handle such a situation, Chantale. As a mom, I think I would have just lost it! I truly hope your son will be home safe and healthy soon.

No one has mentioned the fact that this poor baby is scarred for life and may need further surgeries or suffer long term issues as a result of the attack, as far as I can see.

I know people try to think the best in situations, but there is no question the dog should be put down. How do you weigh the probability that he could bite again? The risk is there, the trust factor is not. You cannot blame the 2 year old who was under supervision, nor can you blame the parent.

I also agree the hospital did not use good judgement in this situation. If air ambulance was delayed and could not facilitate transportation, an ambulance should have been offered at the very least. What if, after being given the morphine for pain, Preston had suffered a reaction? What if the family had been killed on route to Toronto? Certainly would have looked good for our hospital then...

Some of the blogs here are just hateful, demeaning and derogatory. This is meant to be an exchange of ideas and opinions, a place for support. Let's not lose sight of that.



[giveyourheadashake](#)

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Positive thoughts and love to Preston Patterson. He is safe and well taken care of thanks to his MOTHER. She is,has and always will be beside her CHILDREN. You're opinions much like most of you, are not a concern much less needed.



[skndstry](#)

7/27/2010 2:50:57 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

Well, that's better. A bit more explanation given on the medical care, and an outcome for the dog.

But now more questions about the incident. We have a disputed story. Who are the witnesses? It seems we have several on this message board, including joy\_3, who implied she had a birds eye view. What really happened?

I am sure that entire neighbourhood is up in arms right now, and given some of the geniuses who have posted here today, it doesn't seem likely cooler heads are going to prevail.



[skndstry](#)

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@MLP - same goes for you. If they "probably" should have done something about the wounds, by all means, please show us your credentials and tell us all what that should have been.



[skndstry](#)

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catmac - no. Nobody insulted you. You must be very thin skinned.

All that was asked was that you provide us with your credentials and medical expertise as the basis upon which you base your criticism of the hospital or the ER doctor.

Or perhaps an argument that has some logic or facts to back it up. An explanation of where you draw your opinions. I don't think it too much to ask on behalf of our city's hard working doctors and nurses.

Do you?

So instead of some foolish one line ad hominem retort, you'll defend your statement.

If you think an ambulance should have taken the child to Toronto, then you'd need to take it up with the City of Greater Sudbury, or Ontario air ambulance.

But given your medical expertise, you knew that. Right?



[giveyourheadashake](#)

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if these injuries were a result of human actions and not animals i dont think you would be soo quick to blame the mother or question death for the offender for a second. Its a stupid dog and it should die along with anyone who defends it. Defending violence towards children is disgusting you are a low life

and using this sad time as an opportunity to release aggression for past grudges is pathetic you belong with the dog



[E.G](#)

JOY--3

7/27/2010 2:19:47 PM - [Report Abuse](#)

You apparently enjoy starting uneducated debates and making assumptions in peoples lives. Let me make an assumption about you. You're probably in your mid 30's, no job and have nothing else to do with yourself then to sit on the northern life website and rant about the smallest details that are not significant in this story. 1) How dare you pass judgement on someone you do not know  
2) I think when left with no other options then to drive to sick kids yourself, of course myself and everyone else as a parent would drive as fast as they could. I think you're the bad parent to think otherwise.  
3) I know chantale, and she is a great mother. And being in this situation she's going through right now, she absolutely doesn't deserve to read about your knowledge lacking comments and your lack of intellectual acuity



[LadyLove](#)

Just because one lives in Subsidized housing does not mean they are WELFARE Joy! You very clearly do..I am in housing and I am NOT on welfare..but thank you anyways!

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[skndstry](#)

"But once there, Rollins said the doctor said he couldn't do anything, since he was worried there may be nerve damage to Preston's face."

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Chantale, this is a quote attributed to you.

Now you say, "...considering the reason he was sent here was not due to possible nerve damage or torn tendons...it was because they "couldnt do the repair as well as a plastic surgeon" "he would have much less scaring with a specialist".

In your first post you said, "this happened at 12:25 pm on sat my son didnt go into surgery until nearly 12 hrs later... he now has an infection ...you dont think it has something to do with him sitting in bacteria for nearly 12 hours???????"

Now you say, "I NEVER stated that the reson for the infection was because of the wait..just saying it could have played a part, dont u think?????"

Oh, I don't know, the first one was a PRETTY STRONG inference that you thought the wait either caused or contributed to the infection. And no - based on experience, I doubt very much the 12 hours would have had anything to do with it.

Ambulances are available immediately for life-threatening emergencies. Again, my heart goes out to you, but your son's life wasn't in danger. So yes, it would have taken more time. Maybe the ER doctor should have tried to calm you down, but HONESTLY Chantale, HONESTLY - would you have listened? Given the tone of your first few posts, I am going to say you'd have flipped your lid first, caused a scene and done it anyway. Am I wrong?

There are plastic surgeons in this town who have very good reputations, so I suspect that the reason you were sent to Sick Kids was because they have PEDIATRIC plastics specialists. Otherwise it would have been done here.



[catmac](#)

There goes skndstry deflecting and insulting again when the hospital his criticized. That's really bothered you about this lady's story isn't it. A ambulance should have taken the child to Toronto.

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This is unfortunate.

They probably should've done something about the wounds in Sudbury, but it's Sudbury, what can this city do right?

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Finally catmac, given how obviously well-read you are and your clear level of expertise that allows you to make these judgements about what care should have been provided, you might be able to shed

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some light on the ALC crisis in our community and why it is that the hospital ought to be caring for people who don't actually need hospital care.

We'll all wait for your wisdom.



**skndstry**

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I'll bit catmac.

Please share your medical expertise with us, as you must also be a physician or medical expert given that you feel you can take the ER doctors actions to task.

Perhaps you are a neurologist who can speak to the ER doctors concerns about nerve damage, or a plastic surgeon who can talk about the lack of concern there would have been for permanent scarring.

Perhaps you can explain logically and factually why it would have been better for a doctor trained in emergency medicine to treat the child (who's life was NOT in danger), than a doctor trained in pediatric surgery to treat the child.



**Chantale Rollins**

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i am not atall angry that we were sent to toronto, let me clarify... i think it was a terrible decision to ask us,..who just watched all of this to drive him...at the very least i think an ambulance should have driven him...that was not an option it was either drive him or wait 13 hrs for air ambulance..and now that nerves have calmed i understand that it was not the right decision

when the ER did not clean prestons wounds, i was not concerned,.. i didnt think of it...it was when i arrived here in triage that the nurse could not believe he was not cleaned... considering the reason he was sent here was not due to possible nerve damage or torn tendons...it was because they "couldnt do the repair as well as a plastic surgeon" "he would have much less scaring with a specialist" ... when the social worker that visits the room in cases like these came in... she stated "they let you drive???? i know that if i was there i would not have let you take that baby in a car in a state of shock" and Prestons surgeon agreed with this statement

I NEVER stated that the reson for the infection was because of the wait..just saying it could have played a part, dont u think????  
as far as these calls... the spca, health unit and police all answered to this on saturday as well as everyday since then

the dog was not in the yard when preston walked onto the pathway...he was on his steps he ran at preston as soon as he got there i was less than 15 feet from my son with my eyes on him the entire time  
GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF

and honestly joy... I hope you dont have children of your own... theres seriously something up with you



**catmac**

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Chantale-I hope that your baby will be fine.

Notice how most want to argue and deflect about the dog, than the abhorrent behavior of the new state of the art hospital's actions. First they don't want to deal with our frail elderly that require 24 hour care and now they can't handle or help a dog bite situation. What do they handle???



**skndstry**

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I think almost everybody had sympathy immediately Chantale - I know I did. And it might not make any sense to you being as how it was your child and you are so close to the situation, but yes, a certain level of detail is required before you sway people beyond sympathy to action.

My humble suggestion would be that you include the Northern Life in your list of people who need to be spoken to, as very little of what you've shared on this blog was immediately clear from reading the article. I am sure you can also call the hospital and talk to someone like the manager of the ER to get a full explanation of why the ER doctor made the decison he did not to clean Preston's wounds. And it would be good if that were shared with us too.

For the record, I would indeed have done the exact same thing as you did in terms of getting my child to the most appropriate care in the shortest time possible.

**catmac**

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**Chantale Rollins**

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im seeing very clearly now that in order to have sympathy without attack for a child people must have every detail... which makes no sense to me...point of the matter is my son was in his yard...the dog was on extended leash... when given a choice to get ur baby there now by car or wait 13 more hours, i think its a deal breaker... at the time the only thing running through any of our minds was getting preston there as quickly as possible...he had nothing but a gauze and a bandage to cover his wounds... thats sounds urgent to me.... and im sure that any decent parent would have done the same. im glad your opinion of this dog has now been changed



**skndstry**

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@Chantale - nobody else is questioning your parenting skills or actions besides one idiot. I wish you all the best and hope we learn that Preston is fine and the correct action has been taken in dealing with the dogs.

As I said, consider that maybe it is better that this conversation took place, as it was not immediately obvious from the article as written that there was any wrongdoing on the part of the dog or the dog owners.

That appears to be clear now.



**LadyLove**

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Joy-3 obviously does not know what she is talking about..Perhaps she is the dog owner..or she has no kids..This child was supervised..the dog had extra leash which he didn't before..Shame on you Joy!



**Chantale Rollins**

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thanks to all of you who are thinking of Preston, he is doing much better today and we're hoping they let us take him home soon.

When you take a pet into your care it becomes your responsibility to ensure it is taken care of... if my son broke your car window it would be up to me to replace that wondow would it not??  
it is up to those owners to do the right thing here and since they have CHOSEN not to, ive released my sons information in hopes that maybe, just maybe the SPCA decides to do something about my son walking into his courtyard and the dog that bit him being outside.....



**skndstry**

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@losinghope - alright. We'll agree to disagree on that point. I allow both dogs and people to make mistakes or have accidents. I admit it would have to be a pretty specific instance - as it was in the scenario I described - and I will also admit that I would err on the side of caution i.e. if there were any reasonable doubt that my dog had decided to be aggressive for whatever reason, it would be history.

@joy\_3 - you are right off your meds. I wouldn't presume to be making light of somebody's errant "intensive care" comment if you are going to turn around and invent or infer facts without basis for doing so (where did you get the fact that the child "wandered off down a public pathway?", and where did you read that the child wasn't in an approved car seat?)

As you cite things you seem to think the mother wrote in her posts, I have to question your reading comprehension (among other things.)

What is the colour in your world? I hope you don't have small children of your own, because I would seriously doubt your stability to raise them. Then again, given that thou doth protest too much and seem to be projecting your issues, perhaps the CAS has already decided that.

I was somewhat sympathetic toward you when you and PMAT were having it out in another thread. Now I realize it was just an epic clash of the "delusional fact-inventing message board" titans.



**Chantale Rollins**

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ok, honestly... ive had just about enough! the reason I released my sons information in the first place was to have something done about this dog because clearly the authorities are doing NOTHING... my son was in his own courtyard...he was not wondering off into a pathway somewhere... housing complex

yards are all connected!! you think for one second that if i could go back i wouldnt have been holding his hand with every step he took????? he is almost 3 years old it is HIS BACKYARD...he was not "unsupervised" I WAS IN THE YARD AS WELL. do you hold ur childs hand in their own yard??? as i said earlier, the only reason that dog reached my son is because they moved his dog house which EXTENDED his leash...and as far as money goes, you think i put my 2 yr old in danger for MONEY????? really, you need to get ahold of yourself...you're sick!!!!



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anyone who defends that idiot dog or the sorry excuse for human owners needs to be quarantined in that stank basement with that stupid dirty mutt. Why werent the owners out ready to grab the stupid thing before he grabbed my nephew? And miss joy\_3 why are you dumping on a mother who was very much watching her child. Do you fear for your children in your backyard? I doubt it. If anyone of you trash talkers put this much thought into your own life maybe you wouldnt raise sorry excuses for pets and pet owners.



[joy\\_3](#)

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Preston is the innocent victim here!  
The dog owners who allowed that dog to bite a baby-are not innocent-yes the owners should be made to put it down and be fined big time for letting their dog bite the poor baby.  
The mother is not the innocent party here either. Have you read her postings, that is neglect of child care, no supervision, let a baby wonder off down a public pathway while you watch a dog lick the baby's face without doing an immediate investigation of your baby's well being.  
Since when is that baby in INTENSIVE CARE? Hello tourjour frais-who thinks its ok to let drunk drivers leave a bar to kill innocent children or mothers who don't watch out for babies out of their reach.  
If you drive to Toronto in 2 1/2 hours with a child not in an approved car seat you risk killing all the other innocent drivers on the road. Speed KILLS, just like AGGRESSIVE DOGS, just like IRRESPONSIBLE PARENTS AND BAR OWNERS.  
Speedy recovery Preston and hope you are supervised well in the future.



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Note to hippies: Remember buddy who thought he could be friends with bears...yeh well THE BEARS ATE HIM! kill the dog kill ANYTHING that hurts kids



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Are you kidding me joy\_3 - you call bar owners murderer and have no belief in personal responsibility for people who drink and drive but then attack a distraught mother whose baby is in intensive care??? I whole-heartedly believe you have issues that should be addressed professionally!  
The baby did not "wander off".  
There were NOT 2 rottweilers loose so why would you even make the suggestion?  
Where did the "Javex with a finger thrown in" comment from?  
She was obviously upset and I don't blame her for making the trip in 2.5h!  
Fo someone who claims that the mother seems to know "more than a medical doctor" how do you the child got to surgery in plenty of time?

Hindsight is 20/20 and I am sure she will regret that she was not holding her baby's hand every day of her life. That is not grounds for you to suggest a visit from Children's Aid.

We are all praying for Preston's speedy recovery, stay tough little man!



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@ skydstry

I understand that you would want to know about the history and I know we both agree that the dog should be put down but what I am trying to say is that for me it doesn't matter if the dog was a gentle soul before the attack. If a dog bites a child, with a history of aggression or not, it should be put down.



[MikeK](#)

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I was attacked on a street by a neighbors german shephard who broke his chain when I was 6 years old. Because an irresponsible owner who never spent any time with the dog, and couldn't even contain it properly, I ended up with 36 stiches still have the scars on my side and arm to show for it. I never blamed the dog (who was put down that same day), and I have always loved and had dogs of my own to this day despite that one horrible day.

Owners have to be responsible for their pets. My own dogs are harmless, but they get excited and they are heavy enough that they could unintentionally knock over a child, so its my responsibility to make

sure that doesn't happen. Also, I agree with 'losinghope', if one of my dogs even hinted at aggression towards people, as much as I love them, I would find a new home for them immediately so something like this never happens. The owner is at fault here 100%, this should never have happened.

Mrs. Rollins, as a father of a 2 year old son myself, it hurts me just thinking of this happening to my little man. I wish your baby boy a speedy and full recovery, and I hope you make sure those truly responsible for this tragedy get what they deserve, one way or the other.



[weston\\_sagle](#)

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Read joy\_3's other posts on articles then proceed to ignore and discredit all comments.



[skndstry](#)

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joy\_3! Where are you getting that this mother "let" the child have an encounter "without any supervision"?!! Or that she "allowed" the dog to "lick" the child's face?

Not only is that not written in the story, it is refuted in the messages.

Then you invoke Children's Aid and suggest the child be taken away?!!

Now THAT'S an extreme position.



[skndstry](#)

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@losinghope. I agree, and that's what I said - if the dog was aggressive or had a history, that would be the deciding factor.

BUT - nowhere in this story did the Northern Life speak to the history that is coming out about these dogs, did they?

My point was simply that an injury from a dog, even a severe one, doesn't always denote aggression.

Now we are to understand that these dogs are aggressive, have a history, and are poorly cared for by irresponsible owners.

We are no longer in disagreement about what should happen.



[joy\\_3](#)

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The mother lets a two year old have an encounter with a dog without any supervision. She allows an unknown dog to lick the baby's face at the end of the rope. The doctor in ER realizes the dog bite would be better taken care of in Toronto, yet the mother wants to risk letting her kid being taken care of by a lesser professional. I think this warrants children's aid coming to the rescue of the baby and her other children. For the dog it should be put down, the owner made to pay into a scholarship fund for the toddler and don't let the parents have any access to that money.



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According to what is written, the doctor gave you a speedier option for getting to the most appropriate and skilled care, and you took it. I'm glad it worked out, and like losinghope, I wish your son a speedy recovery.



[skndstry](#)

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Ms. Rollins - the story only gives us one set of (incomplete) facts to work from in formulating our opinions.

Two witnesses - you, and your son. Only you who can provide the outlook. No comment in the story about the dogs, the history, etc. So, commenting on the facts as outlined in the news story, I asked what I think were legitimate questions. I was not "defending" the dog - only suggesting there could be mitigating factors. As I've stated since, given the situation and the description, it definitely appears as though the dog and the owners are fully at fault.

I didn't pretend to know what it has been like for you - I believe I said that right off the jump. I do have children and it would be heartbreaking to go that.

But I'm also a third party observer who is every bit as entitled to ask questions as you are.

You should be GLAD I did - this discussion has brought more to light about the animals than the story did, didn't it?

I don't know if your son's infection has anything to do with the time between the bite and when it was cleaned. I've had a serious wound once that was thoroughly cleaned within less than an hour by a doctor, stitched, and it still infected. Happens all the time. The most thorough cleaning won't get all the microscopic bacteria, and what if they'd been too rough and your son's face was paralyzed by nerve damage? What then?

You say the doctors at Sick Kids were appalled that it hadn't been cleaned? I suppose we have to take your (tired and traumatized) word for it. I also have no doubt that the doctors there would have been shocked to hear that you had to drive from Sudbury - they don't deal with the same kinds of issues we do in an underserved area. That doesn't change that it wouldn't have been the hospital's call to speed up the air ambulance service, as ambulances aren't under the hospital's control.

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**losinghope**  
@skndstry

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When children are involved it doesn't matter. I've always had pets growing up but if the animal ever displayed aggression towards any of us it was the last we saw of it. I agree that dogs aren't disposable nuisances but my children will come first as well as the children of my neighbours.



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**skndstry**

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Alright, with a more complete set of facts thanks to SC1984, it seems as though the dog IS a problem. Based on what the mom said, it looked as though the dog was "kissing" her son. So in the story it didn't sound as though this was a vicious animal. Apparently it was, and it's owners are irresponsible pet owners, so I would likely support this animal being put down.

@ losinghope - it ALWAYS matters if you have a full story or not. My dog is as gentle a mutt as you'll ever encounter. But once while playing, she got too excited and accidentally bit me badly enough to break skin, but not badly enough to require care - but then again, I'm not a tender faced little baby either.

Bottomline is that she might have hurt a kid more than she hurt me - but I wouldn't have shot her either way unless she was showing aggression or had a history of that kind of behaviour. Accidents happen. For many people dogs are family members, not disposable nuisances that can be put down on a whim.

You want to run off half cocked, that is your business. Shoot your own dog. I'd wait for a full set of facts before I made that decision, thanks, and then I'd have it humanely put down.

Like I said - having been filled in with further info (on the dogs anyway), we now agree with what the outcome should be.



**losinghope**

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Chantale I hope the infection clears quickly and that your son has a speedy recovery.



**Chantale Rollins**

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cont' nearly 12 hrs later... he now has an infection ...you dont think it has something to do with him sitting in bacteria for nearly 12 hours???????? the doctors here in toronto were APAULED to learn that his wounds were not only not cleaned but that we DROVE that baby here... do not pretend you know what youre talking about...you have NO IDEA what this has been like!!!! my 2 yr old deserves the best possible care and it was NOT given in sudbury...the spca, health unit, police department has done NOTHING since... do some research before you decide to speak on my sons case

**SudburyMedicalCareNeedsHelp**

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This is such a sad story but not the first time I've heard something similar. I cannot imagine how hard it would have been to drive to Toronto with my child in such a state.

I'd like to focus on the Sudbury health care system.

1. Why do we have such poor health care in Sudbury in comparison to other major centers?
2. Are we not the the central hub for the north of Ontario?
3. Would it be possible for the government to share some of the dollars that they give to Toronto with Sudbury?

I understand that we are not as large as some centers and as a country we cannot afford to have every service available in every smaller community however in Sudbury it simply feels like we are not even close for basic health care.

I have so many questions about the poor state of the health care provided in this city. It's really not the professionals working in health care. The fact is that there is just not enough of them to look after the population of Sudbury.

We are a hard working community. We pay our taxes. Why don't we deserve the same health care service as other communities our size?

**Chantale Rollins**

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excuse me "skndstry"..... i sir am his mother and i would like to know where the hell you got your information????? TWO witnesses???? were you one of them???? first off...we live in a housing corp...there's no such thing as "the dogs territory"... it is ALL public space!!! housing has been called on 2 seperate occasions about these dogs showing signs of aggressiveness... when my son took one step into A PUBLIC PATHWAY i was not concerned that the dog could reach my baby, i know where the dogs leash extends...i pay very close attention to where those particular dogs can reach...however, a neighbour had called the bi-law officer about the dog house and dog poop in the yard just one day prior to this attack so the people that own this dog moved his house, which also moved his leash...where i was sitting, my sons back was turned to me...therefore...when the dog did run at him, and i realized that he could infact reach preston where he was standing it happened soooo quickly that i did not think he bit him, at first...i called my son, he just stood there...back still turned as i walked toward him through the courtyard, he dropped to the ground...i ran, my babys face was hanging off of his skull and his cheek bone  
HOW DARE YOU DEFEND AN ANIMAL WHEN A TWO YEAR OLD LITTLE BOY IS IN ACUTE CARE!!!!!!!!!!!! maybe this is the dog owner???? you seem to know "more than i do" and ive been here the whole time!!!!!!!! Laurentian hospital sent us in a panic with my son who was not even cleaned to toronto ...can you imagine what our driving was like???? you think it was a SAFE idea for anyone for us to be on the road?????? we made a 4 hour trip in 2 1/2 hrs... do you have children???? can you imagine the feeling when you can see ur sons skull and cheek bone inside his face...blood everywhere while your baby cries "it hurts mommy, it hurts, bad puppy"?????????????this happened at 12:25 pm on sat my son didnt go into surgery until nea

**losinghope**

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skndstry, it doesn't matter if we have the full story about the dog or not. Bottom line the dog should be dead. It doesn't matter if the kid was on the neighbour's property or not any dog that does that much damage to a child should be shot.

**LadyLove**

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As a very close friend to all of this...the dog is vicious. There are 2 dogs there that are NOT friendly..I have witnessed them growling at myself, my children and other people that go by..and with roughly 10-15 young children out everyday it is not safe (the owners are NEVER supervising the dogs that I have ever seen). The boy did NOT provoke the dog..he was at the END of the yard grabbing a toy..the dog was laying on the step and flew at him. There are MANY witnesses here that can attest to what happened. The hospital did not clean the wounds, however, why is a question. The dog will be euthanized 10 days from day of attack which was Saturday morning. The dog is being quarantined in it's home which is the problem. Why am I out back at the back door of this home is WIDE open while the owners are out front laughing away with neighbours. Seems as though there is no remorse there..there also reports that these dogs have bit another little girl last summer as well, although it was never reported to the SPCA..get the dogs out!

**skndstry**

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Bottom line again is you shouldn't rush to judgement. Because of patient privacy the hospital won't be

able to comment on any specifics anyway, and with seemingly only two witnesses to what happened, one of whom was the victim, we are only ever going to get one side of the story.



[skndstry](#)

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First of all, my heart goes out to the child and the mom. It must have been heart wrenching for this to happen. I'll pray the infection passes and the boy recovers fully.

The dog should likely be put down, but we don't have a full story. The dog "bounded toward the end of it's yard", and presumably the end of it's leash. Did the dog leave it's property, or did the child wander into it's territory. Did the dog mean to hurt the child, or was it some kind of play display that went wrong? After all, the mom herself said she thought the dog was "kissing" the child, so it obviously wasn't barking or otherwise acting threatening. Does it matter? I don't know. It isn't my kid, or my dog.

Also, don't rush to judgement about the care provided. Land ambulance, air ambulance and the hospital are all completely different things, so the hospital can't make the decision to "provide" an ambulance.

And be careful about statements made to the news media - the grandfather speaking from Etobicoke may have been mistaken about whether or not the wounds were cleaned.

Or it could be that the doctors in Sudbury didn't want to mess with the wound if they feared nerve damage. It sounds like they were doing the most responsible thing - letting somebody else with more expertise do the work so the child had a better chance of looking normal. YOU aren't medical professionals, so instead of second guessing what a trained ER doctor is doing, maybe you should trust that they had their reasons .

Contrary to popular belief, dogs' mouths are quite dirty. It doesn't seem likely that infection would set in in only three and a half hours, or in any case that the outcome would have been any different whether it was cleaned immediately or in a few hours time. Again, how do you know cleaning the wound wouldn't have resulted in paralyzing half the boys face? And THEN what would you have said?



[ann888\\_1](#)

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shame on the sudbury medical system. they should have sent that little boy and the mom by ambulance. come on !!!!  
the mother i am sure was traumatized. now make her drive in that condition to the sick kids in toronto, perhaps lucky she never got into an accident on the way there. just worrying about your kid might make you speed and drive not so safely perhaps. any ways SHAME SUDBURY.



[Celticvines](#)

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I feel that the dog in question should be killed. If the owner of the dog is too stupid to do it, then the police should take the dog and have it killed. If one of my two dogs ever did this to one of my children or anyone else, I would do the right thing.



[pardon\\_me](#)

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the dog should be put down.....no questions asked!



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That poor child. I really do hope that he gets better soon. That dog should be put down. I don't hate dogs, but if a dog bites anyone...it should be put down. It's not the dogs fault. And in some cases, it's not the owners fault either. A dog can receive a ton of training, and will still bite because that's in it's nature. But when the world we live in is dominated by humans, dogs that bite have no place in our society. That might sound harsh, but that's what I think.

And I'm very, very surprised that Sudbury regional didn't do anything for that child (the grandpa states that they didn't even clean the wounds??) Why didn't they at least clean the wounds? They may not have been able to do surgery, but to send the child to sick kids without even cleaning them? What if the Mother didn't have a car and had to wait the 13 hours for transportation? Would they have left him for that whole time?

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