

# DA's dog bites her grandson

## Brandenburg's dog also bit neighbor in 2006

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - The Bernalillo County District Attorney's dog is back in the news.

Kari Brandenburg's pet attacked her 5-year-old grandson on Sunday during a family dinner.

The bite from the Old English Sheep dog, Mopsie, sent the boy to the hospital.

According to an animal control report, Brandenburg said the child was teasing her dog.

"Her grandson attempted, according to one report, attempted to give one of the dogs, an English Sheep dog, some food," said Rick Dereyes of Albuquerque's Animal Welfare Department said.

That is when the dog bit Brandenburg's grandson in the face, according to the report.

"The dog nipped at him, opened up a cut on the chin and one on the bridge of the nose," Dereyes said.

The boy went to a nearby hospital, where, according to the report, a surgeon stitched up his throat and forehead.

The dog has caused trouble before.

In 2006 a report shows Brandenburg's dog bit a neighbor after she leaned over Brandenburg's fence to pet the dog.

An animal control officer gave the county's top prosecutor a ticket for not having her dog licensed with the city.

The neighbor ended up suing Brandenburg and settling for \$2,200.

As for the most recent dog bite, the only punishment Brandenburg or Mopsie will face is a ten day home quarantine for the dog at the DA's house.

"It allows them to see if this is an isolated incident, and after that they are able to go ahead and clear the dog," Dereyes said.

Animal control said Brandenburg told them she will be talking with her vet about how she can get her dog to behave better.

The DA declined an on camera interview with News 13 Thursday night, but said she would be more than willing to discuss the matter once she had a chance to review the animal control report.

If these bites had occurred out in public, animal control said the city could have taken temporary custody of the dog and in the most extreme circumstance, euthanized it.

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