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### Toddler Mauled By Family Dog

## 2-Year-Old Remains Hospitalized

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**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** -- A 2 and a half-year-old boy is recovering at Kosairs Children's Hospital after being mauled by a dog at his grandmother's home.

It happened at about 4:30 p.m. Monday at a home in the 2800 block of South Sixth Street.

Police said the boy was visiting his grandmother when the dog bit him in the face. He was rushed to Kosair Children's Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

"I just heard that a child had gotten hurt by a dog and when I got here, I had seen a dog being dragged out of the house," said Miranda Cummins, a neighbor who saw an ambulance rushing the boy to the hospital.

Cummins said when the dog was walked out of the home, she could still see blood on its body.

"I had just seen the front of its chest was white and you could see blood on his chest," Cummins said. "It was real jumpy and pulling away from her -- she was pulling it into the truck."

Police said just minutes before Cummins saw the dog loaded into a Metro Animal Services vehicle, the dog had mauled the little boy.

"Our preliminary investigation revealed that a 2 and a half-year-old white male was at the home of a relative, believed to be his grandmother's home. The family pet, which is some type of mixed-breed dog, that the child is familiar with, bit the kid in the face," said Dwight Mitchell, a spokesman for the Louisville Metro Police Department.

Police also confirmed that the dog belonged to the victim's grandmother.

"It's his grandmother's dog. I guess they come here and from what I'm understanding, it was familiar. It's just one of those unfortunate situations that it turned tragic," Mitchell said.

Police said the grandmother handed the dog over to MAS.

"I am hearing that the dog was removed voluntarily by the owner to Metro Animal Services who has this dog in its custody at this point," Mitchell said.

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Meanwhile, neighbors are just taking it as a lesson learned.

"Any dog will bite someone if they get in that mood, so you just have to be careful," Cummins said.

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