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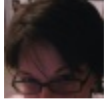







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A 3-year-old is recovering after he was bitten by a neighborhood dog Wednesday morning, Lynchburg officials said.

Animal Warden Larry Faust said animal control officers received a call to Edinboro Avenue at about 8 a.m. Wednesday.

The child, Faust said, had been outside while a babysitter and the child's mother were inside the house.

The medium-sized, mixed-breed dog bit the child multiple times, causing numerous puncture wounds but no serious lacerations, Faust said.

The dog was impounded by animal control, and Faust said officials had not been able to figure out what caused the attack.

Impounding animals in such cases is standard procedure, he said, in part so the animal can be evaluated for diseases.

Virginia law includes provisions for dealing with "dangerous dogs," but Faust said no determinations had been made in the case Wednesday, as officers had not been able to speak with the owners of the dog.

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[Flag Comment](#) Posted by Dog Girl on May 17, 2010 at 4:35 pm

Not only should those involved learn a lesson from this interested party, but we should ALL take a moment to realize the responsibility we have as adults to those that depend on us, even if that someone is a neighbor.

The dog's future and the child's scars are the proof of who pays when we as adults act thoughtlessly and irresponsibly!

Flag Comment Posted by interestedparty on May 17, 2010 at 10:19 am

The dog owner is responsible for their dog. Should the dog have been loose and free to roam onto the neighbor's property, even worse. Yet, the dog should not pay with its life unless proven to be "dangerous".

The babysitter and the mother are even more wrong. Leaving a young child alone, even for a short time, can lead to many a sad ending. Both parties need to learn a lesson from this experience.

Flag Comment Posted by Gladys on May 14, 2010 at 5:50 am

I have a dog that can't stand the pitch of small children's voices. As much as I love and enjoy my dog, I have to keep her tied on a zip line. I have to be a responsible dog owner. I adopted her from the pound and she has had a wonderful life even though she is tied. Humans are responsible for their pets and children, that's the bottom line.

Flag Comment Posted by mrlegoman on May 13, 2010 at 3:28 pm

I think a new law should be passed requiring IQ test to own a dog. And to have a kid.

Flag Comment Posted by Protector on May 13, 2010 at 3:27 pm

If the human was irresponsible about their dog why should the dog have to die because of that? Animals don't deserve to die because you want to punish their owners.

Flag Comment Posted by DrMink on May 13, 2010 at 2:50 pm

Put it down. Any dog that bites needs to feel the needle.

Flag Comment Posted by va\_mom on May 13, 2010 at 12:47 pm

I disagree! A child has the right to feel safe in his own yard. Those who let their dogs run loose deserve to have those dogs put down when they endanger other people, especially children. We were at a birthday party two weeks ago and while we parents supervised the children playing outside, some neighborhood dogs came by barking and growling and trying to approach the children. Those dogs nearly ruined the party. Keep your dogs on your own property and this would never happen.

Flag Comment Posted by bengal27 on May 13, 2010 at 12:33 pm

I agree also. But the cops would not have been called that would have been dead dog.

Flag Comment Posted by Protector on May 13, 2010 at 12:19 pm

Agreed! The child was unattended, therefore anything can and will happen. Animals have their own reasons for doing what they do. Who are we to judge them?

Flag Comment Posted by nookly23 on May 13, 2010 at 10:04 am

Not sure if the dog should have been running loose, but certain that a three year old should not have been unattended in the yard. We just read about the court case involving a poor child hit and killed

because of negligent parent. What does it take for parents to realize that their child can be taken away in an instant? Lawsuit will follow since the parents are never at fault anymore. Scary.

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