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Frederick County Health Department

Public Health Alert

DATE: October 4, 2021

Child Bitten by Unknown Dog on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at Laurel Wood Way in Frederick, Maryland. Seeking Owner of Dog.

A child was bitten by an unknown dog at the playground on Laurel Wood Way in Frederick, Maryland, around 6:30 or 7:00 pm, on Saturday, October 2, 2021. The dog is described as a large, fawn-colored, Pitbull-type dog. The dog was leashed and accompanied by a middle-aged black woman. The bite was not realized immediately, but puncture wounds were found on the child's leg after the incident.

Contact is needed to confirm the dog's health and whereabouts. The dog will need to be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to monitor its health. If the animal is confirmed to be in good health 10 days after the bite, it will be allowed to resume normal activity, and the victim can avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations. The Frederick County Health Department is asking that the owner or anyone who has information about the animal contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-600-3342. For general rabies questions, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717. Visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES for more information.

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