

The Henderson County Sheriffs Office received a 911 call reporting a dog attack on a small child from # 26 Ridgetop Trace in Foxwood Mobile Home Park. Deputies responding found that a four year old child had wandered into the yard of a neighbor, to pet the dog. At some point the dog knocked the child to the ground and then grabbed her by the head and was dragging her across the yard. A neighbor as well as the dogs' owner responded and separated the dog from the child. The dog owner also called 911 to request medical assistance.

The child, who suffered lacerations to the scalp, was transported to the hospital by her parents. Her condition is unknown at this time.

The dog has been taken into custody by the Sheriffs Animal Enforcement Unit. Deputies indicated that the dog does have an up to date rabies vaccination. They were not aware of any negative reports regarding the dog and noted that the dog was not roaming free. He was contained by an "underground fence". The owners appear to be in compliance with the laws at this time and deputies do not anticipate any criminal charges.

The owner was very compliant and concerned for the child and immediately signed the dog over to the Sheriffs' Department. It is protocol that the animal be euthanized and examined for rabies as well. That could be immediately or it could be after a 10 day quarantine period, but he will be euthanized either way.