

Father searches for owner of dog that bit 12-year-old

Needs vaccination records or boy will have to undergo shots in case of rabies

The owner of a dog who's believed to have bitten a 12-year-old boy in Hawthorne Village Thursday morning is being urged to come forward and provide vaccination records.

That will allow Daniel McGibbon to avoid getting rabies shots, which — barring disclosure of the black and white shaggy dog's history — will be required as a precautionary measure for the leg bite he sustained while bike riding near Watson Park.

Although the boy provided a

wide berth while passing the dog, it jumped up and bit him, causing a fairly big cut, said the boy's father, Jason McGibbon.

McGibbon was riding with his son at the time, but lost sight of the owner — who was walking the dog in question and another one on extended leashes — once he'd finished attending to Daniel.

The boy was treated at Milton District Hospital, and as with any dog bite in which the skin is broken, the Halton Region Health Department was notified.

The McGibbons have been told that unless the dog's information is provided this week, Daniel will have to get the rabies shots.

"We're not trying to cause any trouble, we just need the dog's vaccination records," noted Jason, who said a woman was walking the two dogs, the one in question apparently named Maxmilian.

"Obviously we're pretty nervous about the idea of Daniel having to get these shots."

The dog owner is asked to either call the McGibbons at (905) 878-3872 or contact the Oakville and District Humane Society at (905) 845-1551.

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