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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Dog Bite Incident**

The Genesee County Health Department is seeking information about the location of a dog and its owner following a dog bite incident on Monday, April 1. The incident occurred at Centennial Park (151 State Street) in Batavia, NY.

The owner was a middle aged male with a reddish beard and black glasses. The dog involved in the incident was described as a black and tan German Shepard with a harness that was running loose in the park.

The health department is trying to avoid unnecessary medical treatment for the victim, so it is important to locate the dog as soon as possible. If the health department can confirm that the dog is healthy, then there was no risk of rabies transmission through the saliva at the time of the bite and post-exposure rabies shots would not be necessary.

If you have information about the location of the dog and its owner, please contact the Genesee County Health Department at 585-344-2580 ext. 5555.

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