



Child's Name: Corbyn Dick

Age: 9 years old

Hometown: Fort Cobb, OK

Trauma Victim: Severe Dog Attack



Background: In November of 2023 Corbyn was viciously attacked by a dog while playing outside with his siblings. He lost a large portion of his right cheek, nose, and upper lip, had a broken upper jawbone in two places, lost two teeth, had 11 bite wounds on his arms, lost the top of his right ear, his arm was broken in two places, and he sustained many cuts and bruises. Corbyn was airlifted to the PICU at OU Children's Hospital and placed in a medically induced coma for 8 days. The healing journey will require extensive reconstructive surgeries. Corbyn has had a split skin graft from the side of his head onto his cheek. On 11/24/2024, he got three tissue expanders that will soon allow his doctors to reconstruct his nose and form a new cheek. These expanders required trips to OU Children's every three weeks to have fluid added. Corbyn is placed under anesthesia each time and he still goes back to school the very next day. He has gone through 12 surgeries and 20+ visits to the OR with anesthesia. The expanders on Corbyn's face are very visible...but that is not what really stands out about him. He has a loving spirit and a BIG heart! Corbyn knows all too well the feeling of being stared at and having people make comments about his outward appearance. Instead of responding in anger, he responds with compassion! He says people are just curious and wondering what he has gone through. Being a victim of this dog attack is NOT his story, but merely a CHAPTER in one big, amazing story! Corbyn likes to play video games (Road Blocks is his favorite), watching gamers on YouTube, fishing, watching movies, and playing basketball & baseball.

Information: More than two million children are bitten by dogs annually, and most of those cases are by a dog the child knows. Most injuries occur on the face, hands, and arms. Children under the age of 10 are at a higher risk of being bitten. Dog bites are a leading cause of pediatric emergency department visits. Oklahoma ranks among the top 20 for dog bite claims. In 2025 there were two fatalities from dog attacks in Oklahoma, one being a 6-year-old boy. Corbyn's family struggled to find a pediatric trauma counselor. The shortage for pediatric psychiatrists, therapists, and counselors has steadily increased since the pandemic in 2020. Treating children requires specialized training in which there is a lack of. Current clinicians are dealing with very high caseloads leading to burnout, being underpaid, and enduring insufficient funding for mental health services.