

Timber Wolf Attacks Girl at Zoo in Idaho

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP)—A 6-year-old girl was hospitalized in fair condition yesterday after she was attacked at a zoo by a timber wolf which escaped while its cage was being cleaned.

The girl, Kasi Croft, suffered cuts on the head, shoulders and hand, a hospital spokesman said.

Police said Kasi was sitting on the ground near some bird cages when two wolves, a male and a female, got out of their enclosure while a park employe was cleaning it Thursday. The employe shouted that the wolves were loose.

Kasi's father, Ron Croft, said he told his children to remain quiet. One of the wolves, a gray-white male, ran along a paved walkway toward the bird cages. Kasi was in the animal's path and was attacked and pinned down, police said.

Croft and a park maintenance worker, Bruce Tullotson, kicked and beat the wolf, forcing it away from the girl.

Employes at the Ross Park Zoo lured the wolf back into his cage. Police and zoo staffers captured the female wolf.