

Neighborhood outraged over pit bull attack

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The father of one of the girls attacked by pit bulls Thursday is speaking out against the controversial breed.

“Because you never know when a pit bull can attack you,” Carlos Lopez said.

His daughter and a friend were bitten as they were walking home from school in the 3900 block of Cypress Knee in northeast Harris County.

The dogs were shot to death by deputies trying to save the girls.

“It’s like it touched me. I could feel the pain she had at that moment,” Lopez said.

Other parents on the street are just as outraged. They insist the pit bulls have no place on their streets.

“Pit bulls, rotweillers, that is dangerous for anybody. That’s what I think,” resident Santiago Morales said.

And apparently, some lawmakers agree. State Senator Rodney Ellis from Houston has introduced a bill that would give counties the power to designate certain breeds of dogs as dangerous and impose strict fees and fines on dog owners.

In recent months, pit bulls have killed in Texas. Thankfully, the girls attacked Thursday suffered only minor cuts and abrasions.

“From now on, she’s scared of dogs. It’s gonna be hard for her to trust in dogs,” Lopez said.

The cuts may heal, but the psychological wounds could last a lifetime.

The bill proposed by Senator Ellis has passed committee. It’s expected to be considered by the full senate in the coming weeks. The owner of the pit bulls that attacked on Thursday said someone let them out of the backyard fence and she feels awful about what happened.