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MUM'S FURY OVER ATTACK

**ELTON'S
DOG DID
THIS TO
MY GIRL**



Wounds . . .
Charlotte
after attack

EXCLUSIVE

By **MATT WILKINSON**

A **FURIOUS** mum yesterday told how Sir Elton John's dog attacked her five-year-old girl — leaving her with deep scratches to her face.

The pop star's spaniel launched at little Charlotte Kieran during a play date with his sons Zachary and Elijah.

She was left bloodied and traumatised after the attack at Elton's mansion in Old Windsor, Berks. Mum Mari, 39, said: "She was shaking and her eyes were glazed. It was awful."

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Owner . . .
Sir Elton



Mum . . . & Charlotte

STORM AFTER SINGER'S DOG

EXCLUSIVE

By MATT WILKINSON and HOLLY CHRISTODOULOU

A MUM whose daughter was bitten in the face by Sir Elton John's dog says she is still awaiting an apology from the superstar.

Charlotte Kieran, then five, was attacked by his cocker spaniel after petting it on a play date with the singer's sons.

Her mum Mari, 39, told how the traumatised youngster returned home "looking like she was attacked by Freddy Krueger".

She said her daughter has since had regular counselling but they have yet to receive a phone call from Sir Elton, 70, or his husband David Furnish, 55.

Mari said: "Their dog full on bit my child in the face. I don't care who they are. It was revolting."

She went on: "This is Elton John and David Furnish's animal attacking a child and at the very least I would have expected a phone call."

Charlotte had been invited to play after school at Sir Elton's mansion in Old Windsor, Berks, with his sons Zachary, seven, and Elijah, four.

At one point Charlotte went in from the garden to pet one of Sir Elton's spaniels, which was sleeping in the kitchen.

But it suddenly attacked Charlotte, leaving bite marks around her nose and eyes, before a chef managed to pull it away.

Charlotte's nanny, who was supervising her along with her twin Henry and brother Callum, nine – called Mari to warn her.

But Mari was shocked at her shaken daughter's injuries when she returned home – and likened them to slasher victims from the Nightmare On Elm Street films.

She recalled: "She had blood and marks on her face. It was as if Freddy Krueger had run his knife fingers down her face. You could see how traumatised she was and the terror in her face. It was awful."

"She was shaking and her eyes were glazed. I've never seen a child so traumatised."

"How would you feel if a dog bit your face? She was only five."

Mari cleaned Charlotte up in the bath but said her daughter has been left scarred and also undergoes counselling.

Mari, an HR executive from Maidenhead, said: "I phoned the non-emergency line to seek advice. She didn't need any stitches but she goes and sees a counsellor regularly."

It is understood

the Sorry Seems To Be The Hardest Word star and David were in LA at the time of the attack in February 2016. But they are believed to have been told about it by staff days later.

However, Mari is furious at their failure to apologise personally or even call her.

She said: "I was quite shocked because it wasn't an insignificant thing that happened."

"The dog didn't just nip her, it bit her in the face and left scarring. I'm really upset there's never been a phone call asking if there was anything they could do."

The children had been friends at



Happy family . . . David and Sir Elton with sons Elijah, left, and Zachary. Above, mansion where the attack took place



● MUM: ATTACK IS REVOLTING

● NO APOLOGY FROM STAR

Sorry seems hardest word

a £5,000-a-term school. Mari said she saw Sir Elton and David – worth an estimated £100million – "on a number of occasions at the school" since the attack.

She added: "They absolutely did know about it. You can make assumptions but I don't know why they didn't apologise or ask how Charlotte was."

"It's about responsibility as well, and being a responsible adult. I don't care about status or celebrity."

"This is about everyday human decency and values and ethics. And when it comes to the crunch this is about a child. This was bad and it

could have been far worse. If I had an animal and it turned on another person's child I would have been mortified and gone out of my way to make sure the child was OK."

She said she is not looking to take legal action but is speaking out now as Charlotte no longer goes to the same school as Sir Elton's kids.

Mari added of her daughter, now seven: "She wanted to be a vet and was tactile as a little girl. But she is, as a consequence of what has happened, very, very wary of dogs."

Sir Elton has three pet cocker spaniels, although it is not known

which bit Charlotte. He was given Arthur Dwight for his 56th birthday in 2003, and the pet was "best man" during his civil ceremony with David two years later.

Arthur even married his other spaniel Marilyn and the pair have a daughter Isabella.

Last month the music icon announced he was giving up touring to spend more time with his sons, who were born to the same surrogate mum.

He said: "You think about your mortality and think, 'God I want to spend more time with the boys.'"

Sir Elton was yesterday believed

to be with David in his native Canada. Their spokesperson said: "When this incident was reported back to Elton and David two years ago it was detailed as a minor nip on the nose by their spaniel who was startled by Charlotte."

"Three attempts were made to check on Charlotte's well-being following the incident, to the mother and her nanny, and each time they confirmed that Charlotte was perfectly fine. I can also confirm that Elton and David have never ever had any complaints about their dogs' behaviour."

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BITES FACE OF GIRL, 5



Traumatised... Mari with daughter Charlotte. Inset, after the attack

Taking the lead... Sir Elton with two of his dogs in 2008



to be the Elton

PETS 'RAGE'

By EMMA JAMES

SOME spaniels suffer from "cocker rage syndrome".

Their eyes glaze over as they suddenly switch from being placid to launching an attack.

Immediately afterwards they turn friendly again.

Cocker rage syndrome was recognised 20 years ago by animal behaviour expert Roger Mugford. He claims it mainly

strikes red and black cockers — or those with darker coats.

There can appear to be little or no trigger to their behaviour.

Dr Mugford said: "These raging cockers should be considered as flawed dogs.

"They demonstrate extreme pathological aggression."

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Meghan... with Harry

Fury over Meghan Cheddar Man slur

By JACOB DIRNHUBER

A US politician sparked outrage by tweeting a racist picture of Meghan Markle mocked up as Cheddar Man.

The sick image features the recreated face of the dark-skinned Stone Age Brit superimposed on her engagement photo with Prince Harry.

Republican congressional candidate Paul Nehlen sent it out last night and was immediately condemned by mixed-race Meghan's Suits co-star Patrick J Adams.

Patrick, her on-screen lover in the TV show, blasted: "You're a sad and sick man."

A caption with it reads: "Honey, does this tie make my face look pale?"

Another user urged Twitter to ban Nehlen, saying: "This is so offensive and racist."

Dyer's sex abuse hell

FORMER England footballer Kieron Dyer has told of his life-long trauma after being sexually abused as a child.

The ex-Newcastle and West Ham star, 39, claimed the abuse was carried out by his great-uncle Kenny, now dead.

He told the Mail on Sunday: "I am not the only victim because it's my whole family."

"It's probably harder for them, because they trusted him. They let all their children stay with this man. A lot of them idolised this man."

Happy Valentine

SCOTT White, Valentine's as husband and wife. You are my rock and my true love. Love from Ellen xxx

Idris wed 'no' u-turn

ACTOR Idris Elba has just got engaged — despite saying he would never tie the knot again.

The Luther star, 45, got down on one knee on stage at an East London screening of his new film Yardie to pop the question to US beauty queen Sabrina Dhowre, 29.

Twice-wed Idris was first seen out in public with the former Miss Vancouver last September.

Idris told Essence magazine only last year: "Am I ever gonna get remarried? I don't think so. Yeah, I don't think so."