

Josh Garner - 12 Years Old

Eldorado at Sante Fe, New Mexico
Mauled to death by wolf hybrid

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Fear In Eldorado After Fatal Animal Attack

Daniel Lenihan arrived at his home last Friday with a birthday cake for his wife, he found her on the phone, her face contorted in pain. Barbara Lenihan had just learned that a 12-year-old Eldorado boy, Josh Garner, had been savagely attacked and killed by a wolf-hybrid owned by his neighbors. In December, 1989, the Lenihans' 3-year-old son, Aaron, was attacked by a wolf-hybrid while playing in their backyard. "We count ourselves lucky," says Daniel "All we endured was 10 hours of plastic surgery and three years of psychotherapy. These people have no hope. Our heart goes out to them." Kodiak, the animal that killed Josh Garner, was about 5 years old. According to Animal Shelter volunteers who saw him before he was destroyed Monday, the animal stood nearly four feet at the shoulders and had the long high rump, bushy tail and heavy tufting in the ears associated with wolf mixes...

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Killer Dog Was Hybrid, This Expert Says

The dog that killed Josh Garner, a 12-year-old Eldorado boy, last September was, in fact, a wolf/hybrid, according to evidence that will be presented this week by Randall Riggs, a nationally acclaimed wolf expert. Riggs was to disclose his evidence at a press conference Wednesday (today) following the settlement of a lawsuit involving the Garner family and Chuck and Velma Sanchez, the owners of the animal. Terms of the settlement have not been disclosed. The dog was destroyed a few days after the attack and tissue samples were examined by experts...