Don't keep them caged

t is disturbing to read about 7year-old Dhiya Qairina Muhammad Nur Akmal who was mauled by a dog on Sunday ("Dog mauls girl"— NST, March 20).

It was reported that Dhiya Qairina was riding a bicycle when the dog pounced on her from behind. She is in a stable condition in hospital.

Many dog owners prefer to keep their pets aggressive to make them good "guard dogs".

However, these dogs may attack

innocent people.

I strongly feel that dogs should not be kept in cages as it is in their nature to run free.

Keeping them caged only makes them violent and become easily

provoked.

I suggest that random spot checks be conducted and assessments be made on the health and psychological status of pet dogs.

The practice of caging dogs

should be banned.

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