

# Fish and Game Officer Dexter

## Saves Eskimo Child in Kotzebue

Little Mike Gallahorn, a two-year old who lives in Kotzebue, had a close call recently when he became entangled in the harness of a running dog team.

Mike was dragged about 250 feet face down on rough ice of a Kotzebue street. At the same time, the sled dogs were biting and slashing at the boy. An 11-year old boy was desperately trying to stop the sled, but having no success.

Don Dexter, a Protection Officer for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, heard cries from the small boy and rushed into the middle of the dogs and stopped the team.

At this time, 4 of the dogs turned on the small boy. Dexter, using his fists, knocked the dogs from the boy and eventually untangled him and tossed the small boy several feet to a bystander. Dexter then freed himself and rushed little Mike to the hospital.

The boy suffered abrasions and puncture wounds from the

bites. A check with the hospital officials disclosed that Mike Gallahorn is okay, and has been released from the hospital.