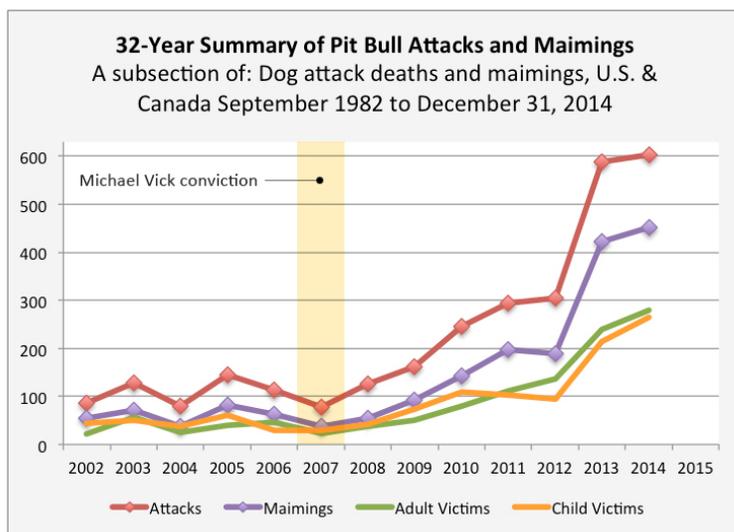


32-Year Summary of Pit Bull Attacks and Maimings

The graphic chart created by DogsBite.org displays two attack categories: "Attacks," which includes all fatalities, maimings and other injuries requiring extensive hospital treatment and "Maimings," which includes permanent disfigurement or loss of a limb. The chart is based on "Pit bull & pit mix trends, 1982-present," a subsection of: Dog attack deaths and maimings, U.S. & Canada September 1982 to December 31, 2014, by Merritt Clifton, editor of *Animals 24-7*.¹

TABLE 1: DogsBite.org



TABLES:

Table 1 graphs the "Year" sub-columns of Table 2, which represent the number of new incidents collected that year. The "Total" sub-columns of Table 2 represent the cumulative number of incidents collected since 1982.

NOTE:

The significant rise in attacks begins after the conviction of Michael Vick in 2007, when several national humane groups launched aggressive campaigns to "rebrand" pit bulls as "loyal family dogs" and to promote adopting out "rehabilitated" illegal fighting pit bulls seized in criminal raids into family homes.

TABLE 2: Merritt Clifton

Pit bull & pit mix trends, 1982-present

The 1992 data represents the first 10 years of data collection:

YEAR	ATTACKS		CHILDREN		ADULTS		KILLED		MAIMED	
	Total	Year	Total	Year	Total	Year	Total	Year	Total	Year
1992	104		44		60		18		36	
2002	731	86	346	45	248	22	62	6	394	54
2003	859	128	396	50	304	56	75	13	465	71
2004	938	79	434	38	330	26	83	8	503	38
2005	1082	144	495	61	370	40	97	14	584	81
2006	1196	114	524	29	417	47	111	14	647	63
2007	1274	78	554	30	440	23	124	13	684	37
2008	1400	126	595	41	476	37	138	14	738	54
2009	1562	162	668	73	527	51	162	24	831	93
2010	1807	245	778	110	607	80	191	29	973	142
2011	2102	295	880	102	718	111	214	23	1171	198
2012	2405	305	974	95	854	136	246	32	1360	190
2013	2993	588	1190	214	1094	240	276	30	1782	422
2014	3595	603	1454	264	1373	279	307	31	2233	451

¹See full study: <http://www.dogsbite.org/pdf/dog-attack-deaths-maimings-merritt-clifton-2014.pdf>



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