

DogsBite.org Statistical Data and Research is Trusted

DogsBite.org is a national dog bite victims' group dedicated to reducing serious dog attacks. We conduct research on the growing, but underreported, public safety issue of severe and fatal dog attacks inflicted by dangerous dog breeds. Our dog bite fatality research is transparent, and our data collection method is always available online.¹

DogsBite.org credentials include our statistical data cited by multiple peer-reviewed medical studies, entered into evidence in three United States District Court cases, cited by the U.S. Department of Transportation, and by our supplying the winning amicus brief² in the seminal high court case declaring pit bulls "inherently dangerous" in Maryland.³

Statistical data from DogsBite.org has exceptional credibility with court justices, medical practitioners, attorneys who champion and represent dog mauling victims, the many national, regional, and local news agencies that cite our nonprofit's data, including *Newsweek*, *Forbes*, *CBS News* and more, and of course the injured victims themselves.

Federal and State Courts:

Starting in 2020, multiple cities in the Midwest faced challenges to their pit bull ban ordinances. In two of those cases, the city's expert cited our dog bite fatality research.

Danker v. The City of Council Bluffs, Iowa⁴

No. 21-3794 (November 2022)
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

Danker v. The City of Council Bluffs, Iowa⁵

No. 1:20-cv-00016 (November 2021)
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Iowa

Droll v. The City of Keota, Iowa⁶

No. 4:20-cv-00088 (Terminated December 2022)
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Iowa

Suckley v. The City of Williston, North Dakota⁷

No. 1:21-cv-00012 (Terminated October 2024)
U.S. District Court of North Dakota

Tracey v. Solesky

No. 53
September Term 2011
Court of Appeals of
Maryland

DogsBite.org Amicus Brief in Support of Appellees

No. 53
September Term 2011
Court of Appeals of
Maryland

¹ Data Collection Method: <https://www.dogsbite.org/dog-bite-statistics-fatality-citations-data-collection.php>

² DogsBite.org Amicus Brief: <https://www.dogsbite.org/pdf/dogsbiteorg-amicus-brief-solesky.pdf>

³ (Solesky MD: Court of Appeals) https://scholar.google.com/scholar_case?case=18413098015080333731

⁴ (Danker: US Eighth Circuit) <https://ecf.ca8.uscourts.gov/opndir/22/11/213794P.pdf>

⁵ (Danker: USDC SD Iowa) <https://www.dogsbite.org/pdf/order-granting-msj-council-bluffs-10-29-2021.pdf>

⁶ (Droll: USDC SD Iowa) https://www.pacermonitor.com/public/case/32835642/Droll_v_City_of_Keota

⁷ (Suckley: USDC DND) https://www.pacermonitor.com/public/case/38069757/Suckley_et_al_v_Williston

Peer-Reviewed Studies:

At least six peer-reviewed studies in scientific medical journals have cited our statistical data or other research findings while examining breed-related severe dog bite injuries.

Dog owners' supervising duty and criminal negligence – A critical review of two judgments by Swedish courts of appeal⁸

By Striwing H, Sarenbo S, *Forensic Sci Int*, Volume 1, Nov 2021, 100031.

Dog-Bite Injuries to the Craniofacial Region: An Epidemiologic and Pattern-of-Injury Review at a Level 1 Trauma Center⁹

By Khan K, Horswell B, Samanta D, *J Oral Maxillofac Surg*, Mar 2020.

Dog Bites in the United States from 1971 to 2018: A Systematic Review of the Peer-Reviewed Literature¹⁰

By Bailey CH, Hinchcliff KM, Moore Z, Pu LL, *Plast Reconstr Surg*, Nov 2020.

Pediatric Dog Bite Injuries in Central Texas¹¹

By Abraham JT, Czerwinski M, *J Pediatr Surg*, Jul 2019.

Characteristics of 1616 Consecutive Dog Bite Injuries at a Single Institution¹²

By Golinko MS, Arslanian B, Williams JK, *Clin Pediatr (Phila)*, Apr 2017.

Mortality, Mauling, and Maiming by Vicious Dogs¹³

By Bini JK, Cohn SM, Acosta SM, et al., *Ann Surg*, Apr 2011.

U.S. Department of Transportation:

The U.S. Department of Transportation cited our national dog bite fatality data in their Final Rule regarding Traveling by Air with Service Animals in December 2020.

Traveling by Air with Service Animals – Effective Date: 01/11/2021¹⁴

FR 85; 14 CFR 382; Docket No. DOT-OST-2018-0068; RIN: 2105-AE63

U.S. Department of Transportation, 12/10/2020, Citation 86.¹⁵

⁸ (Striwing, et al., 2021) <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2666937421000305>

⁹ (Khan, et al., 2020) <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0278239119312595>

¹⁰ (Bailey, et al., 2020) <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33136964/>

¹¹ (Abraham, et al., 2019) [https://www.jpedsurg.org/article/S0022-3468\(18\)30672-9/abstract](https://www.jpedsurg.org/article/S0022-3468(18)30672-9/abstract)

¹² (Golinko, et al., 2017) <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27400935/>

¹³ (Bini, et al., 2011) <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21475022/>

¹⁴ US DOT Traveling by Air With Service Animals Docket No. DOT-OST-2018-0068]

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/12/10/2020-26679/traveling-by-air-with-service-animals>

¹⁵ Public Comments from DogsBite.org to the Department of Transportation, April 5, 2020:

<https://www.dogsbite.org/pdf/dogsbiteorg-comments-service-animals-2020-DOT-OST-2018-0068.pdf>

National, Regional & Local News Organizations:

News organizations are on the front lines reporting serious and fatal dog maulings. They turn to nonprofit data sources because the CDC stopped collecting breed data in 1998.

National news organizations:

CBS News
Associated Press
The Daily Telegraph
The Economist
The Guardian
The Hill
The Wall Street Journal
The Washington Post
Time Magazine
USA Today
Forbes
Newsweek
Fox News

Regional and local publications:

Northeast

Toronto Star – CA
LaPresse - CA
The Norwich Bulletin – CT
Stamford Advocate – CT
Journal Inquirer – CT
Boston Herald – MA
Bangor Daily News – ME
Times Union – NY

South

Arkansas Democrat Gazette – AR
Miami Herald – FL
Florida Sun-Sentinel – FL
Treasure Coast Newspapers – FL
Orlando Sentinel – FL
Lexington Herald Leader – KY
Biloxi Sun Herald – MS
The Houma Courier – MS
The Clarion-Ledger – MS
News & Observer – NC
Asheville Citizen-Times – NC
The Robesonian – NC
Winston-Salem Journal – NC

Houston Chronicle – TX
Dallas Morning News – TX
The Virginian-Pilot – VA

Midwest

Des Moines Register – IA
Sioux City Journal – IA
Galesburg Register-Mail – IL
Bugle Newspapers – IL
The Herald Bulletin – IN
The Detroit News – MI
Saginaw and Bay City News – MI
Joplin Globe – MO
Southeast Missourian – MO
Forum News Service – MN
Dayton Daily News – OH
The Cincinnati Enquirer – OH
Green Bay Press-Gazette – WI
Gazette Extra – WI

West

Los Angeles Times – CA
The Modesto Bee – CA
San Francisco Chronicle – CA
Denver Post – CO
Aurora Sentinel – CO
Montana Standard – MT
The Oregonian – OR
Tacoma News Tribune – WA

Regional and local TV stations:

KPNX – Phoenix, AZ
KMGH-TV – Denver, CO
CBS Denver – Denver, CO
KOAA – Colorado Springs, CO
WUSA9 – Washington DC
CBS Miami – Miami, FL
WILX – Lansing, MI
WRAL – Raleigh, NC
WRGB – Albany, NY
WTVR-TV – Richmond, VA