



How to Handle Dog Bites

Person:

- Seek medical attention immediately for serious injuries.
- All dog bites (serious or not) must be reported to your local Public Health Department.
- If you receive treatment at a hospital, clinic, or doctor's office, the bite will be reported to Public Health by medical staff.
- If you do not seek medical care but the skin has been broken, you must contact your local Public Health Department directly.
- Contact the Humane Society to report the bite. Staff will collect information, investigate the incident, and explain the process to you.
- Helpful information for the investigation includes: photos of injuries, medical reports, and any details you may have about the dog or its owner.

Another animal:

- Check your dog carefully for injuries.
- Seek immediate veterinary care for serious injuries, or schedule an appointment for less urgent cases.
- Contact the Humane Society to report the bite. Staff will collect information, investigate the incident, and explain the process to you.
- Helpful information for the investigation includes: photos of injuries, veterinary reports, and any details you may have about the dog or its owner.

Contact Information

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