



UNDERSTANDING DOG BITE INJURIES

The furry canines that are often treated as members of the family can quickly display their wild side when provoked, often resulting in serious injury. Unfortunately, sometimes the dog bite occurs without any provocation, and victims needlessly suffer.

If you were recently injured by a dog, you may be able to take legal action to hold the owner accountable.

In Colorado, there are two rules that apply to dog bite cases: the strict liability rule and the negligence rule. However, which rule is used depends on the specific circumstances of the case.

These rules can be understood as follows:

- **Strict liability:** Applies when a dog bite causes serious injury or death, even if the owner did not know that the dog would act aggressively.
- **Negligence:** Applies when the injury is not serious or deadly and requires the injured person to show that the owner neglected to use reasonable care to restrain the dog.

In order for an injury to be considered serious by law, it must involve a substantial risk of death or serious permanent disfigurement, or be a break, fracture or burn of the second or third degree.

Even if your injury does not fall into one of these categories, you may still be eligible for compensation under the negligence rule.

PREPARATION IS KEY IN ALL DOG BIT CASES

Success matters when pursuing compensation following a dog bite, and the highly experienced personal injury attorneys at The Vaughn Law Offices are well versed in handling personal injury claims related to injuries caused by an animal.

It is completely normal to feel that you have been violated after experiencing a dog bite injury. While many owners feel that they can justify their dog's behavior, we refuse to allow negligence to be overlooked. When you seek our firm's assistance, we will handle the legal details so you can focus on recovering.

Whatever your needs may be, we would be happy to discuss them during an [initial consultation](#).

Since 2001, the attorneys at The Vaughn Law Offices have been providing legal assistance to personal injury clients.

When success matters, contact us at 303-586-5905 and tell us what you need.