

# Dog Bite Facts & Prevention

Each year, more than 4.5 million people in the U.S. are bitten by dogs.

Every year, more than 800,000 Americans receive medical attention for dog bites; at least half of them are children.

Most dog bites affecting young children occur during everyday activities and while interacting with familiar dogs.

Senior citizens are the 2nd most common dog bite victims.

There are many things you can do to prevent dog bites, including socializing your pet and educating your children on how to approach pets.

For more info, visit [avma.org](http://avma.org).



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