

National Dog Bite Prevention Week

April 9-15, 2023

Liability claims of dog-related injuries in 2022*:

\$1,136,000,000

17,597
dog bite claims in 2022*

\$64,555
average cost per claim*

135%
increase in claims over
the last ten years*

Be a responsible pet parent



Research your dog's breed and the shelter before adopting.



Begin training classes early—after first vaccinations is a good start.**



Spayed or neutered pets are less likely to bite.



If your pet overreacts to visitors, keep the dog secured in another room.



Well-socialized dogs are less likely to act out aggressively.**



Know your dog's triggers of aggression.

Don't pet unfamiliar dogs without asking permission from the dog's guardian first.



Never approach a barking, growling, or scared dog.

Avoid leaving children 10 years and younger alone with a dog.**



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Sources:

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