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.**

Sources:
*Insurance Information Institute and State Farm®.
**ASPCA.org.

The National Dog Bite Prevention Week® Coalition includes the American Humane Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, Insurance Information Institute, Positively® Victoria Stilwell, and State Farm Insurance.