

## 31-Year Summary of Pit Bull Attacks and Maimings

The graphic chart created by DogsBite.org displays pit bull attacks that inflict serious bodily injury, disfigurements and maimings. Attacks resulting in death are not mapped. The chart is based on "Pit bull & pit mix trends, 1982-present," a subsection of: [Dog attack deaths and maimings, U.S. & Canada September 1982 to December 31, 2013](#), by Merritt Clifton, editor of *Animal People*.<sup>1</sup>

TABLE 1: DogsBite.org

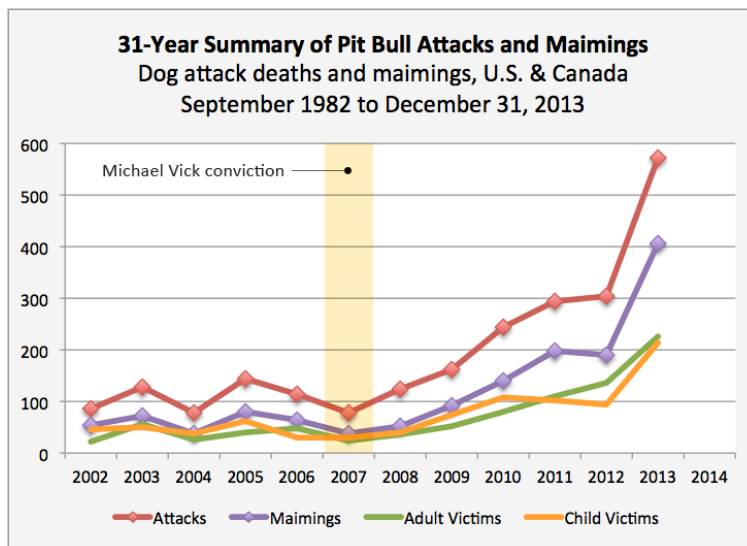


TABLE 2: Merritt Clifton

### Pit bull & pit mix trends, 1982-present

The 1992 data represents the first 10 years of data collection:

YEAR	ATTACKS		CHILDREN		ADULTS		KILLED		MAIMED	
	Total	Year	Total	Year	Total	Year	Total	Year	Total	Year
1992	104		44		60		18		36	
2002	731	86	346	45	248	22	62	6	394	54
2003	859	128	396	50	304	56	75	13	465	71
2004	938	79	434	38	330	26	83	8	503	38
2005	1082	144	495	61	370	40	97	14	584	81
2006	1196	114	524	29	417	47	111	14	647	63
2007	1274	78	554	30	440	23	124	13	684	37
2008	1398	124	594	40	475	36	138	14	736	52
2009	1560	162	667	73	526	51	162	24	828	92
2010	1804	244	776	109	606	80	191	29	968	141
2011	2098	295	877	102	717	111	214	23	1167	198
2012	2403	305	973	95	853	136	246	32	1357	190
2013	2975	572	1187	214	1080	227	275	29	1764	407

<sup>1</sup>See full study: <http://www.dogsbite.org/pdf/dog-attack-deaths-maimings-merritt-clifton-2013.pdf>

#### TABLES:

Table 1 graphs the "Year" sub-columns of Table 2, which represent the number of new incidents collected that year. The "Total" sub-columns of Table 2 represent the cumulative number of incidents collected since 1982.

#### NOTE:

The significant rise in attacks begins after the conviction of Michael Vick in 2007, when several national humane groups launched aggressive campaigns to "rebrand" pit bulls as "loyal family dogs" and to promote adopting out "rehabilitated" illegal fighting pit bulls seized in criminal raids into family homes.



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