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Some dogs don't let go

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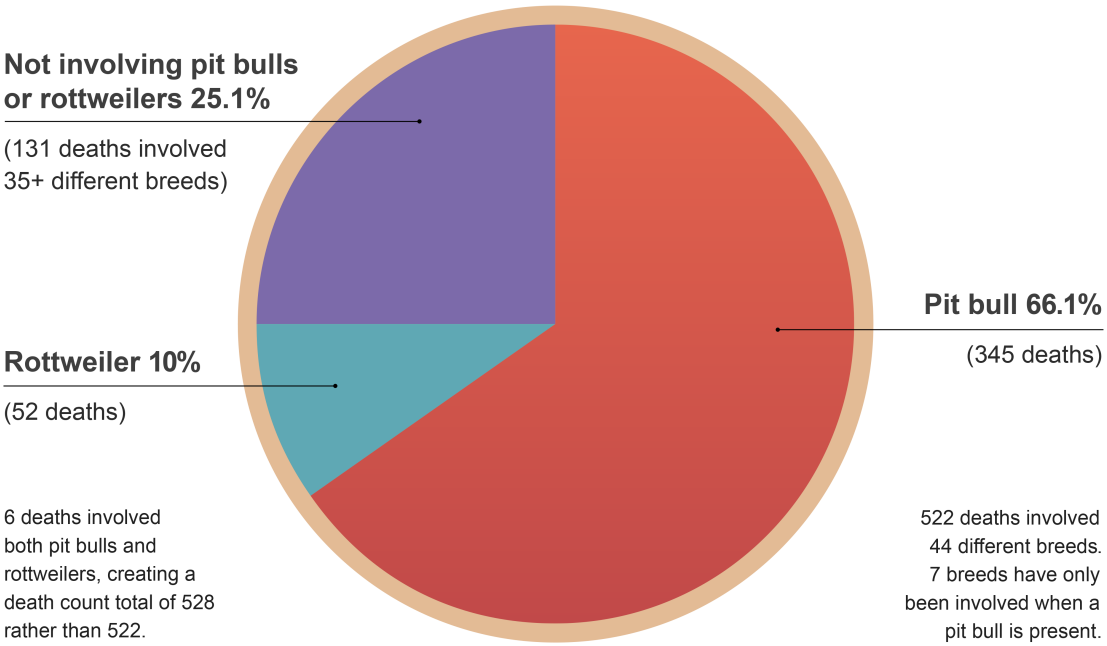
15 Year U.S. Dog Bite Fatality Chart - 2005 to 2019

During this 15-year period, 522 Americans suffered death due to dog bite injury.



Breeds of Dogs Involved in the Most Human Fatalities

Dog Breed	Fatalities	% of Total
Pit bull	345	66.1%
Rottweiler	52	10.0%
Mixed-breed	26	5.0%
German shepherd	22	4.2%
Mastiff/Bullmastiff[†]	18	3.4%
American bulldog	16	3.1%
Husky	14	2.7%
Combination of 37 dog breeds[‡]	≤ 10	

DogsBite.org contains verifiable information about U.S. citizens killed by dogs including the name and age of each victim, location of attack, dog breed and up to 55 other factors. Source citations are available at www.DogsBite.org.

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[†] This category includes: English, Italian, Neapolitan and South African mastiffs, bullmastiffs and mastiff-mixes. This category excludes: cane corsos, presa canarios and dogo Argentinos.
[‡] 7 dog breeds contributed from 10 to 4 deaths, 10 breeds contributed from 3 to 2 deaths, and 20 breeds contributed to 1 death. 10.5% of all fatal attacks involved multiple breeds, thus the total number of deaths attributed to each breed will always exceed the actual number of deaths.