40 Years of U.S. Fatal Pit Bull Attacks in 5-Year Periods

This chart illustrates 40 years of fatal pit bull attacks in 5-year periods, documented by DogsBite.org. The teal vertical bars indicate when each of the 22 states passed a state preemption law interfering with a local government’s ability to regulate pit bulls. The end of the CDC’s 20-year study period, 1998, is also designated. Deaths inflicted by pit bulls have increased by 670% since the 5-year period of 1995 to 1999.