

Bite Data:

NHS categorizes severity of dog bites by bite levels. Level 1 is the least serious, with level 6 being death.

Below is a description of the varying bite levels:

- Level 1:** Snap and miss (not tracked by NHS)
- Level 2:** Single bite, enough pressure to bruise or scrape
- Level 3:** Single bite, one to four punctures from the teeth, could have caused tearing by pulling away (most bites fall here)
- Level 4:** Single bite, holds on and shakes, or single bite, leaves, bites again more than once, or multiple bites with the jaws moving quickly (unable to count how many)
- Level 5:** Level 4 bite with mutilation or missing parts
- Level 6:** Death

Below is a comparison of Pit Bull bites from 2008-2009, and 2010 through August:

2008 Pit Bull bites: **121 Total**

Level 2: 52
Level 3: 58
Level 4: 8
Level 5: 3

2009 Pit Bull bites: **73 Total**

Level 2: 49
Level 3: 17
Level 4: 4
Level 5: 3

2010 (through August) Pit Bull bites: **28 Total**

Level 2: 19
Level 3: 6
Level 4: 2
Level 5: 1