

# ANIMAL PEOPLE

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## Dog attack deaths and maimings, U.S. and Canada

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Reports are logged as received, and the current log is printed out as requested. Compiled by the editor of **ANIMAL PEOPLE** from press accounts since 1982, this table covers only attacks by dogs of clearly identified breed type, as designated by animal control officers or others with evident expertise, who have been kept as pets. Due to the exclusion of dogs whose breed type may be uncertain, it is by no means a complete list of fatal and otherwise serious dog attacks. Attacks by police dogs, guard dogs, and dogs trained specifically to fight are also excluded. "Attacks doing bodily harm" includes all fatalities, maimings, and other injuries requiring extensive hospital treatment. "Maimings" includes permanent disfigurement or loss of a limb.

Breed	Attacks doing bodily harm	Child victims	Adult victims	Deaths	Maimings	Notes
Akita	13	9	4	1	9	
Akita/Chow mix	2	2	0	0	2	
Airedale/boxer	1	1	0	1	0	(10-dog attack)
Austral. blue heeler	2	1	0	0	1	
Australian shepherd	4	2	0	0	0	
Beagle	1	1	0	1	0	(strangulation)
Belgian shepherd	4	1	3	0	1	
Bulldog (English)	5	3	1	0	4	
Bull mastiff	1	1	0	0	1	
Boxer	4	1	1	0	2	
Cane Corso	2	0	1	0	1	
Chow	12	8	4	2	7	
Coonhound	1	1	0	0	0	
Dalmatian	2	2	0	0	2	
Doberman	2	2	0	1	1	
East Highland terrier	1	0	1	1	0	(heart attack, age 75)
German shepherd	23	22	2	3	12	
German shepherd mix	3	3	0	0	3	
Golden retriever	1	1	0	0	0	(rabid)
Great Dane	4	1	1	1	1	
Husky	10	10	1	3	3	
Husky/Malamute mix	2	2	0	0	2	
Labrador	7	6	1	0	5	
Labrador mix	2	2	0	0	1	(Severity unclear in 1 case)
Malamute	4	4	0	1	1	
Mastiff	5	4	1	1	3	
Norwegian elkhound	1	0	1	0	1	
Pit bull terrier	284	132	127	28	122	(Dog helped man in 1 killing.)
Pit / golden ret. mix	1	1	1	0	1	
Rottweiler	115	73	25	22	52	
Shar-pei	2	2	0	0	2	
Sharpei/Rott mix	1	1	0	0	1	
Springer spaniel	1	1	0	0	1	
Tosa	1	1	0	0	1	
Wolf hybrid	43	42	1	12	27	(Adult was defending 2 children.)
Total:	571	341	175	79	273	
Pit bull, Rott., and wolf hybrid:	441	248	152	62	200	
	77%	73%	87%	79%	73%	