

**ANIMAL BITE REPORT (page 1 of 3)**  
(to be filed with municipality records)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Case #: \_\_\_\_\_

Town in which report is to be filed: \_\_\_\_\_

**VICTIM IDENTIFICATION (If human contact)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ M [ ] F [ ]

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

If minor, parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, if different: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Did victim have rabies prevention immunizations prior to this incident? Yes [ ] No [ ] Unknown [ ]

**DOMESTIC ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION (IF ANIMAL CONTACT)**

Type of Animal: \_\_\_\_\_ Owned [ ] Stray [ ] Wild [ ]

Description: \_\_\_\_\_ M [ ] F [ ] Age: \_\_\_\_\_

If owned – owner/keeper: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of most recent rabies vaccination: \_\_\_\_\_ Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rabies) (Date)

**SUSPECT ANIMAL**

Type of Animal: \_\_\_\_\_ Owned (If Applicable) ( ) Stray ( ) Wild ( )

Description: \_\_\_\_\_ M ( ) F ( ) Age (If known): \_\_\_\_\_

If owned – owner/keeper: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of most recent rabies vaccination: \_\_\_\_\_ Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rabies) (Date)

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**DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT**

Date reported: \_\_\_\_\_ Reported by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of contact: Scratch \_\_\_\_\_ Bite Level \_\_\_\_\_ (Use the Dog Bite Scale)  
Body part(s) bitten/scratched: \_\_\_\_\_ Medical care required? Yes [ ] No [ ]  
Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Was rabies post-exposure prophylaxis given to victim? Yes [ ] No [ ] Unknown [ ]  
Date that post-exposure prophylaxis was initiated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where did incident take place? \_\_\_\_\_ Provoked? Yes [ ] No [ ]  
Description of incident: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISPOSITION OF VICTIM ANIMAL**

In owner's possession: [ ] Euthanized and sent to HETL for testing: [ ] Unknown (not captured): [ ]  
Veterinary Hospital: [ ] Animal Shelter: [ ] Boarding Kennel: [ ] Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of facility & location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of quarantine: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of release: \_\_\_\_\_  
Veterinary exam? Yes [ ] No [ ]

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Name of facility & location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of quarantine: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of release: \_\_\_\_\_ Veterinary exam? Yes ( ) No ( )

**INVESTIGATING OFFICER**

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Enforcement: Rabies Advisory Notice [ ] Quarantine Notice [ ] Civil/Criminal Summons [ ]  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Has animal been ill, acted strangely, or bitten anyone recently? Yes [ ] No [ ]  
If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Dog Bite Scale (page 3 of 3)**

**An assessment of the severity of biting problems based on an objective evaluation of wound pathology.**

**Level 1.** Obnoxious or aggressive behavior but no skin-contact by teeth.

**Level 2.** Skin-contact by teeth but no skin-puncture. However, may be skin nicks (less than one tenth of an inch deep) and slight bleeding caused by forward or lateral movement of teeth against skin, but no vertical punctures.

**Level 3.** One to four punctures from a single bite with no puncture deeper than half the length of the dog's canine teeth. Maybe lacerations in a single direction, caused by victim pulling hand away, owner pulling dog away, or gravity (little dog jumps, bites and drops to floor).

**Level 4.** One to four punctures from a single bite with at least one puncture deeper than half the length of the dog's canine teeth. May also have deep bruising around the wound (dog held on for N seconds and bore down) or lacerations in both directions (dog held on and shook its head from side to side).

**Level 5.** Multiple-bite incident with at least two Level 4 bites or multiple-attack incident with at least one Level 4 bite in each.

**Level 6.** Victim dead.

The above list concerns unpleasant behavior and so, to add perspective:

Levels 1 and 2 comprise well over 99% of dog incidents. The dog is certainly not dangerous and more likely to be fearful, rambunctious, or out of control.

Level 3: Prognosis is fair to good, provided that you have owner compliance. However, treatment is both time-consuming and not without danger.

Levels 4: The dog has insufficient bite inhibition and is very dangerous. Prognosis is poor because of the difficulty and danger of trying to teach bite inhibition to an adult hard-biting dog and because absolute owner-compliance is rare

Level 5 and 6: The dog is extremely dangerous and mutilates. The dog is simply not safe around people.

More information about this scale is available at [www.APDT.com](http://www.APDT.com).

This scale is used with the permission of Dr. Ian Dunbar and is to be used in the evaluation of the bite wounds only and should not be used to solely evaluate an animal's behavior. Any behavior annalists should be done under the supervision of trained and certified animal behaviorists or professional dog trainers.