



Pit Bull Rescue Central

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Fatal Dog Attack Statistics

- Unchain your dog. From 1965-2001 25% of all fatal attacks were inflicted by chained dogs.
- While 25% of all fatal dog attacks (all breeds) are inflicted by chained dogs, 36% of the fatalities caused by Pit Bulls involved the dog being chained.
- Never leave your child unattended with any pets. 79% of fatal dog attacks are children under 12.

The age group with the highest number of fatalities was children under the age of 1 year old; accounting for 19% of the deaths due to dog attack. Over 95% of these fatalities occurred when an infant was left unsupervised with a dog(s).

The age group with the second-highest number of fatalities were 2-year-olds; accounting for 11% of the fatalities due to dog attack. Over 87% of these fatalities occurred when the 2-year-old child was left unsupervised with a dog(s) or the child wandered off to the location of the dog(s).

- Overwhelmingly, the dogs involved in fatal dog attacks were unaltered males.
- From 2000-2001 there were 41 fatal dog attacks. Of these, 28 were attacks by a single dog and 13 fatalities were caused by multiple dogs.

Of the 28 single dogs responsible for a fatal attack between 2000-2001;

26 were males and 2 were females. Of the 26 males, 21 were found to be intact (the reproductive status of the remaining 5 males dogs could not be determined).

- Of the 448 cases of fatal dog attacks from 1965 - 2002, there is NO documented case where a single, neutered, American Pit Bull terrier was the cause of a human fatality.

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