



Dog Bite Levels to other dogs

- Level 1** - Dog growls, lunges, snarls-no teeth touch skin. Mostly intimidation behavior.
- Level 2** - Teeth touch skin but no puncture. May have: red mark or minor bruise from dog's head or snout; minor scratches from paws or nails.
- Level 3** - Punctures $\frac{1}{2}$ the length of a canine tooth, one to four holes, single bite. No tearing or slashes. Victim not shaken side to side. Bruising possible. The victim dog is not taken to a veterinary clinic or no treatment was provided beyond clipping and cleaning of wounds.
- Level 4** - One to four holes from a single bite, one hole deeper than $\frac{1}{2}$ the length of a canine tooth, typically contact and punctures from more than just the canine teeth. Black bruising, tears and/or slashing wounds. Dog clamped down and shook or slashed victim. Victim dog's care included antibiotics and clipping and cleaning of wounds and possibly sutures, surgery, drain placement and/or broken bones.
- Level 5** - Multiple bites at Level 4 or above. A concerted, repeated attack. Victim dog's care may have included antibiotics, clipping and cleaning of wounds, sutures, surgery, drain placement and/or broken bones.
- Level 6** - Any bite resulting in death of the other dog.

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