



Factors that Impact Dog Bites/Dog Aggression

There are many issues that cause the problem of dangerous dogs. No single factor is ever the whole story; instead there is a complex array of interacting factors that impact dog bites/dog aggression..

A comprehensive community approach will result in the best possible solutions to the issues of dangerous dogs.

The Coalition for Living Safely with Dogs is a group of Colorado animal health and welfare organizations working together to:

- (1) offer assistance to local governments striving to create and enforce effective dangerous dog laws, and
- (2) educate owners and the general public on how to live safely with dogs.

<p>Factors Centering on the Owner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ pet selection▪ pet supervision▪ pet socialization▪ pet sterilization▪ level of responsibility▪ education about dog behavior <p>Common Bite Circumstances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ dog on chain/tether▪ dog running at large	<p>Factors Centering on the Dog</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ health▪ education and training▪ genetics▪ individual traits <p>Common Bite Circumstances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ aggression: while protecting people and property; dog-to-dog; dominance-based; fear-based; maternal-based; possessive (food/toys)▪ being groomed▪ injured▪ on chain/tether▪ provoked▪ running at large▪ startled
<p>Factors Centering on the Victim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ behavior around dog <p>Common Bite Circumstances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ minor victim left unsupervised with dog	

Visit www.livingsafelywithdogs.org for:

Tips for owners ▲ Tips for the community ▲ Resources for local governments ▲ Data on dog bites in Colorado