

WHAT TO DO WHO TO CALL

If you or someone you know has been bitten or attacked by an aggressive animal, please contact your local Animal Control Agency or local Law Enforcement immediately!



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Warning Signs of Aggressive Behavior



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What are some of the warning signs?

Most dog bites happen to children under the age of 12 years old and happen from family pets. Below are some warning signs to look for when a dog shows aggression:

- Growling
- Snarling
- Curling lips
- Mounting people



- Ears back
- Lunging
- Snapping

- Barking aggressively
- Biting of any kind
- Posture is squared off



Types of Aggression

Dominant Aggression

- Dangerous and unpredictable
- May intimidate people
- Has a problem with strangers
- Unrelated to protection instinct



Fear Aggression

Frightened, nervous or insecure



- Often reacts to loud noises
- May bite when cornered or feels threatened
- May bark, growl, bare teeth, snap, bite or any combination of these

Possessive or Territorial Aggression

- Danger to anyone who enters his domain or goes near anything it considers to be his
- May bark, growl, lunge, bare his teeth, snap or bite
- Can be aggressive towards approaching people or animals even when being walked by its owner



Predatory Aggression

Triggered by things in motion like people, cars and bikes



Associated with hunting and stalking prey

Attacks when the victim or object moves away

Will chase anything that moves

Dog Aggression

Often occurs between dogs of the same sex

Are sometimes competitive and territorial

Focuses on dominance verses subordination

Barking, growling, chasing, lunging and biting



Redirected Aggression

May bark or snap when aggressive behavior is interrupted



Extremely dangerous when interrupting dogs while fighting

Fueled by adrenaline and a sharp focus

PLAY IT SAFE!

DO NOT APPROACH DOGS THAT ARE SHOWING SIGNS OF AGGRESSION!