

# National Dog Bite Prevention Week

April 7-13, 2024

Liability claims of dog-related injuries in 2023\*:

## \$1,116,000,000

**19,062**  
dog bite claims in 2023\*

**\$58,545**  
average cost per claim\*

**110%**  
increase in claims over  
the last ten years\*

## Be a responsible pet parent



Research your dog's breed and the shelter before adopting.



Begin training classes early—after first vaccinations is a good start.\*\*



Spayed or neutered pets are less likely to bite.



If your pet overreacts to visitors, keep the dog secured in another room.



Well-socialized dogs are less likely to act out aggressively.\*\*



Know your dog's triggers of aggression.

Don't pet unfamiliar dogs without asking permission from the dog's guardian first.



Never approach a barking, growling, or scared dog.

Avoid leaving children 10 years and younger alone with a dog.\*\*



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Sources:

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