

Dog Bite Fact Sheet

- As many as 1 million people annually require more medical treatment for dog bites. Dog attacks send more than 334,000 people to the emergency room each year.
- One million people report dog attacks each year; millions more go unreported.
- About 12 people each year die from dog attacks.
- Dog attacks cost society \$1 billion annually
- According to the Insurance Information Institute, insurance companies paid \$250 million for dog bite liability claims in 1996 alone.
- State Farm Fire and Casualty Company paid nearly \$80 million in dog bite-related claims in 1997.
- Reported dog attacks have increased at a rate of two percent annually, according to the Insurance Information Institute, and 37% from 1986 to 1994 (National Center for Injury Prevention).

(Source: American Veterinary Medical Association)