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Dog Bites by Severity (2016-2023)
San Bernardio County Animal Care Services, California

Emphasizing the rise in "severe" injury dog bites in San Bernardino County, California between 2016 to 2023.
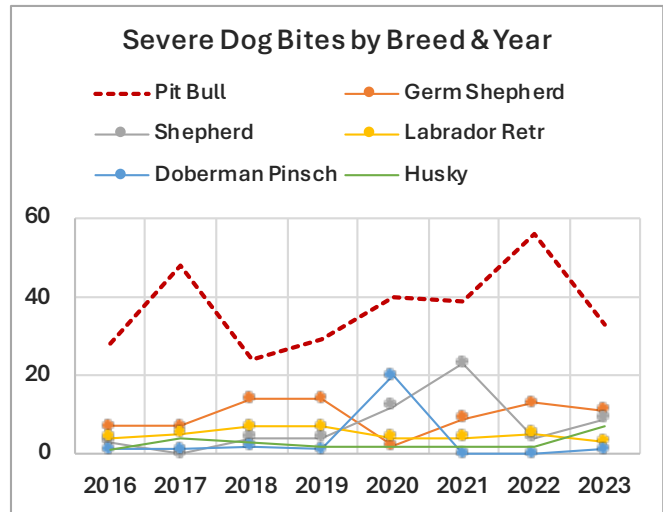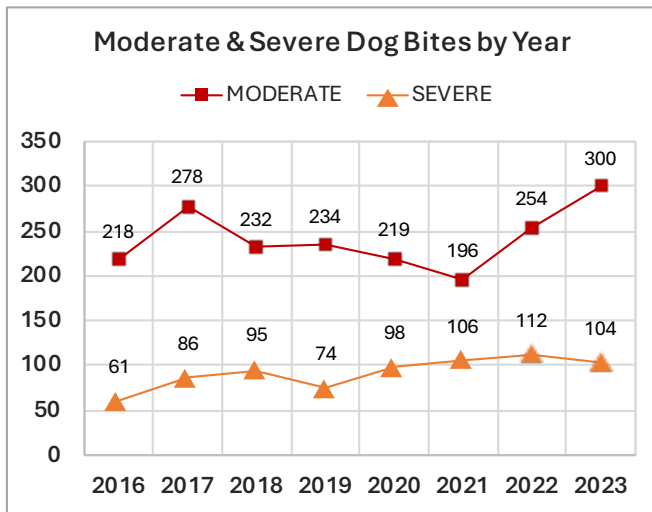
YEAR	EXPOSURE*	MINOR	MODERATE	SEVERE	UNKNOWN	TOTAL	% Severe
2016	38	373	218	61	5	695	9%
2017	39	333	278	86	8	744	12%
2018	52	267	232	95	2	648	15%
2019	35	336	234	74	6	685	11%
2020	38	240	219	98	7	602	16%
2021	35	255	196	106	0	592	18%
2022	39	310	254	112	2	717	16%
2023	50	420	300	104	9	883	12%
Total	326	2534	1931	736	39	5566	

Bite Severity Increases (2016 to 2023)

Minor bite increase	13%
Moderate bite increase	38%
Severe bite increase	70%

Top Severe-Biting Breeds (all years combined)

Pit bulls	40%
Germ Shepherd	10%
Shepherd	8%

Moderate & Severe Dog Bites by Year

Severe Dog Bites by Breed & Year

Top Severe-Biting Dog Breeds (2016-2023)

BREED GROUP†	EXPOSURE	MINOR	MODERATE	SEVERE	UNKNOWN	TOTAL	% All Severe
Pit Bull	46	631	536	297	18	1528	40%
German Shepherd	40	300	265	77	7	689	10%
Shepherd	16	154	158	59	6	393	8%
Labrador Retreiver	43	153	136	39	0	371	5%
Doberman Pinsch	6	29	27	26	1	89	4%
Husky	24	115	97	23	0	259	3%
Rottweiler	2	42	46	21	0	111	3%
All Others Combined	149	1110	666	194	7	2126	26%
TOTAL	326	2534	1931	736	39	5566	

*Exposure indicates exposure to rabies and is most often a non-bite injury.

†Breed groups within the top severe-biting dog breeds includes all breed groups with 21 or more severe bites.

"Pit Bull" combines: American pit bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, and pit bull.

"Husky" combines: Siberian husky and husky.

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Dog Bites by Severity & Reproductive Status (2016-2023)

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Intact male dogs inflicted the most bites in all injury levels, and spayed females inflicted the fewest.

REPROD. STATUS	EXPOSURE	MINOR	MODERATE	SEVERE	UNKNOWN	TOTAL	% TOTAL
Neutered	119	520	418	138	3	1198	22%
Spay	80	338	230	51	1	700	13%
Male (intact)	62	845	634	314	9	1864	33%
Female (intact)	59	570	435	164	7	1235	22%
Unknown	6	261	214	69	19	569	10%
TOTAL	326	2534	1931	736	39	5566	100%

Bite Severity and Reproductive Status
Neutered, Spay, Male (intact), Female (intact)

■ SEVERE ■ MODERATE ■ MINOR

All Bite Injuries By Gender

Severe Bite Injuries By Gender

Dog bite injury severity data analyzed and adapted by DogsBite.org.

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