

## Self-Reported Bites & Top-Biting Breeds Pre-and Post-Covid - New York City (2018 vs. 2023)

Dog Bite Data Reported to New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)  
 January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2023

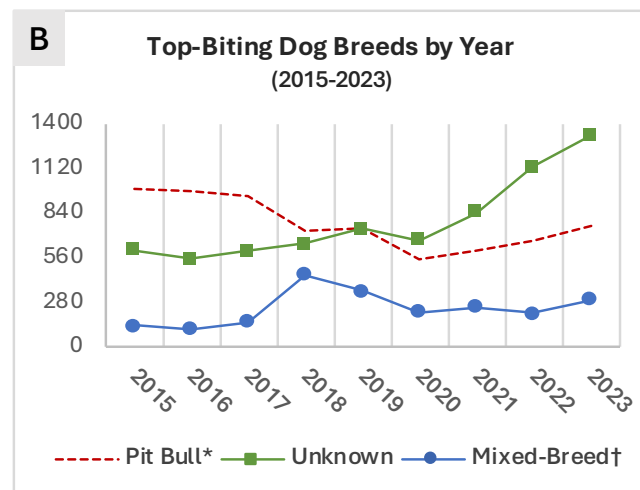
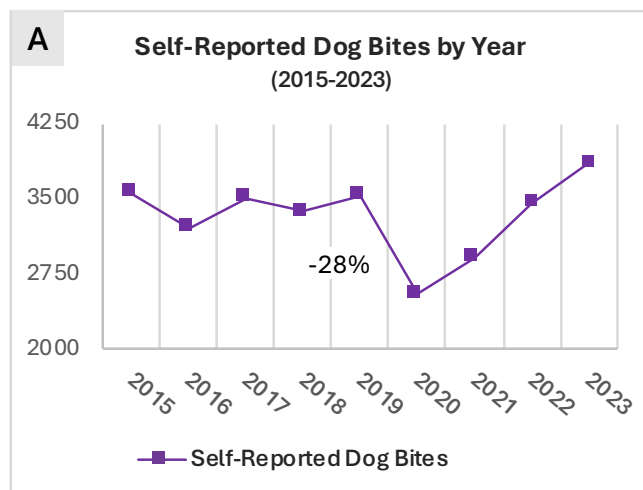
Predominant Breed	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	+/-
Pit Bull Group*	993	974	948	725	744	550	599	664	762	5%
Unknown Breed	607	555	602	644	743	674	846	1130	1331	107%
Mixed-Breed Group†	129	109	157	449	348	217	250	213	297	-34%
Shih Tzu	139	145	154	139	131	105	75	90	99	-29%
Chihuahua	169	144	121	104	125	94	70	105	88	-15%
German Shepherd	106	109	121	113	121	83	97	128	118	4%
Labrador Retriever	114	96	105	80	103	59	65	72	82	3%
Yorkshire Terrier	101	77	95	100	106	58	61	79	61	-39%
Poodle Group‡	99	70	63	59	82	58	80	58	58	-2%
All Other Breeds Combined (147)	1100	933	1145	964	1031	653	778	925	969	1%
<b>Total Bites</b>	<b>3557</b>	<b>3212</b>	<b>3511</b>	<b>3377</b>	<b>3534</b>	<b>2551</b>	<b>2921</b>	<b>3464</b>	<b>3865</b>	<b>14%</b>

### Comparing (2018 vs. 2023)

Self-Reported Dog Bites 14%

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Pit Bull Group\* 5%  
 Unknown Breed 107%  
 Mixed-Breed Group† -34%



Dog bites are self-reported to the DOHMH Animal Bite Unit. These reports dropped 28% during the Covid peak (2020) while DOHMH and the public grappled with the pandemic.

From 2015 to 2020, reports of pit bull bites decreased. Reports of bites by "unknown" breed more than doubled between the pre- and post-Covid years (2018 vs. 2023).

\*Pit bull group includes: American pit bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, and pit bull; excludes American bully.

†Mixed-breed group includes: All sizes (large, medium, small and unspecified) designated as predominantly "mixed", "mixed breed" or "mutt."

‡Poodle group includes: All sizes (toy, miniature, standard, and unspecified).

<https://data.cityofnewyork.us/Health/DOHMH-Dog-Bite-Data/rsgh-akpg>

Data is collected from reports received online, mail, fax or by phone to 311 or NYC DOHMH Animal Bite Unit. Each record represents a single dog bite incident. Information on breed, age, gender and spayed or neutered status have not been verified by DOHMH and is listed only as reported to DOHMH.