

Top-Biting Breeds & Percentage of Male Biting Dogs - New York City (2015-2023)

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January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2023

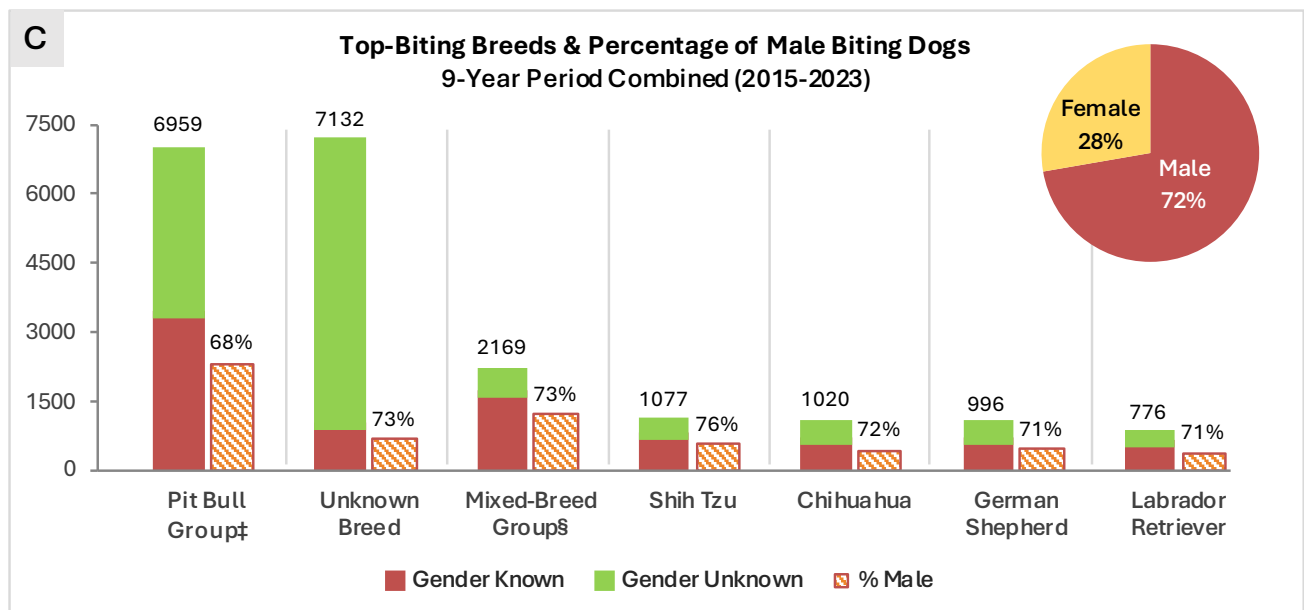
Predominant Breed	Dog Bites	% Bites*	Male	Female	% Male†
Pit Bull Group‡	6959	30.4%	2314	1076	68%
Unknown Breed	7132	NA	695	259	73%
Mixed-Breed Groups§	2169	9.5%	1227	453	73%
Shih Tzu	1077	4.7%	583	180	76%
Chihuahua	1020	4.5%	447	170	72%
German Shepherd	996	4.4%	460	188	71%
Labrador Retriever	776	3.4%	398	164	71%
Yorkshire Terrier	738	3.2%	366	115	76%
Poodle Group¶	627	2.7%	282	113	71%
All Other Breeds Combined (147)	8498	37.2%	4389	1564	74%
Total Bites	29992		11161	4282	72%

When Breed Known (2015-2023)

22860 76%

When Gender Known (2015-2023)

15443 51%



*When breed known.

†When gender known.

‡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).

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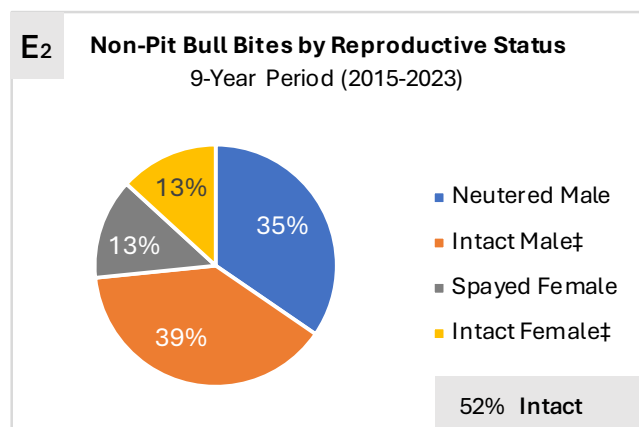
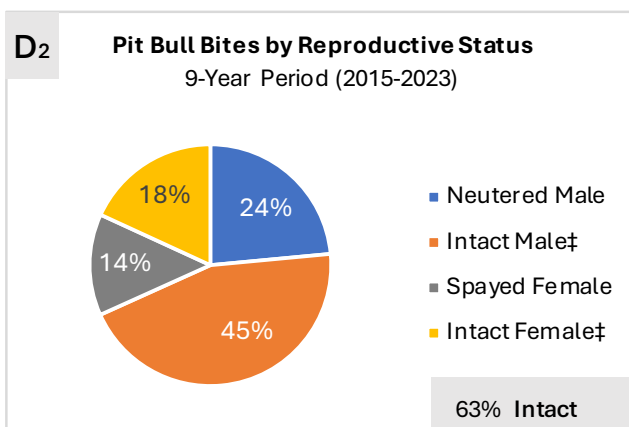
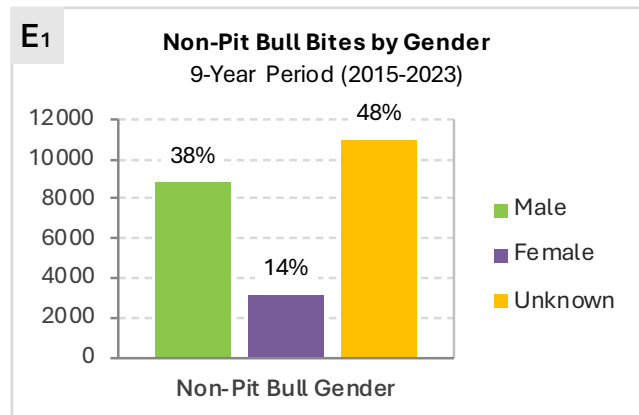
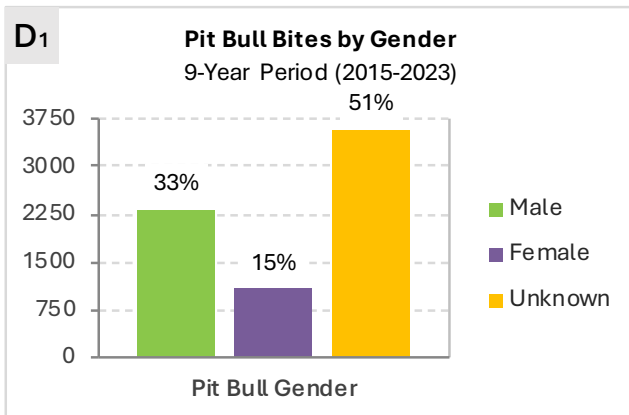
Data is collected from reports received online, mail, fax or by phone to 311 or NYC DOHMH Animal Bite Unit. Each record represents a single dog bite incident. Information on breed, age, gender and spayed or neutered status have not been verified by DOHMH and is listed only as reported to DOHMH.

Pit Bull vs. Non-Pit Bull Bites by Gender & Reproductive Status - New York City (2015-2023)

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Pit Bull Group*	Bites	% Bites	Non-Pit Bull Group†	Bites	% Bites
Male	2314	33%	Male	8847	38%
Female	1076	15%	Female	3206	14%
Unknown	3569	51%	Unknown	10980	48%
Total Bites	6959	100%		23033	100%
Neutered Male	797	24%	Neutered Male	4166	35%
Intact Male‡	1517	45%	Intact Male‡	4681	39%
Spayed Female	461	14%	Spayed Female	1616	13%
Intact Female‡	615	18%	Intact Female‡	1590	13%
Total Gender Known	3390	100%		12053	100%



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†All other dog breeds combined.

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‡Charts D2 and E2 are based upon when gender is known, which is 49% of pit bull bites and 52% of non-pit bull bites. The DOHMH database for Spay or Neuter is a "TRUE" or "FALSE" answer. "FALSE" equals two different values: Unknown (or) Intact. The two values cannot be separated. Dogs with an unknown gender also default to "FALSE." Therefore, we excluded dogs with an unknown gender.