

## What happens after I've been bitten?

- Alberta Health Services will enforce a quarantine process for the dog if a person's skin is broken.
- Animal Care & Control Officers investigate the incident.
- Owners may receive a warning notice, fines and education to prevent future bites.
- The dog may be deemed restricted and its owner must then follow strict regulations and licensing provisions.



## Contact Us

**Animal Care & Control Centre**  
**13550 - 163 Street**  
**Edmonton, AB**  
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**Phone: 311 or if**  
**outside Edmonton**  
**780-442-5311**



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# Dog Bite

**Prevention**



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### How do I greet an unfamiliar dog with its owner?

- Ask the owner's permission to pet their dog.
- Let the dog sniff you, but try to keep your hands away from its face.
- Pet the dog under its chin; this is less threatening than petting its head.

### What can I do during an attack?

- Feed the dog something to bite like a purse, bag or jacket.
- Put a barrier between yourself and the dog such as a bike, table or tree.
- If you fall or are knocked to the ground, lay face down, protecting your head and ears.
- Remain motionless and quiet until the dog is gone.

### Know the bylaw rules.

As a pet owner, you are responsible for preventing your dog from chasing, attacking or biting people or other animals.

### Why do some dogs bite?

Dogs bite out of fear, to protect something, to establish their dominance, or because they are in pain or injured.

### How do I know if a dog will bite?

If a dog is crouching, growling, baring teeth or circling you, it may be preparing for an attack.



### How can I prevent a bite?

- Watch the dog's signals and body language.
- Avoid sudden movements, particularly to the dog's head and do not run away.
- Be wary of approaching or reaching toward unfamiliar dogs.
- If an unfamiliar dog approaches you, then stand motionless with your fists tucked under your chin and avoid direct eye contact.
- Do not surprise or move toward a dog protecting food, its owner or its territory.

### What can I do after an attack?

- Wash the wound with soap and water.
- Loosely cover the wound with gauze.
- Immediately contact your doctor or 911 to seek medical care.
- Contact the Animal Care & Control Centre to report the bite.
- Be prepared to report the date, time and place of the incident; where you were bitten; information about the dog and its owner, and the sequence of events.



### Need our help?

#### If you are concerned about a dog in your area:

- Let the owner know you have concerns.
- Register a complaint with the Animal Care & Control Centre if the problem is not resolved.
- To register concerns and for information, visit [www.edmonton.ca/pets](http://www.edmonton.ca/pets) or contact **311**.