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Dog Ownership Requires Responsibility

FATAL DOG ATTACKS 1970-2001

ACF has researched fatal dog attacks dating back to 1940. We have collected statistics from the Center for Disease Control, Karen Delisc (Fatal Dog Attacks), National News, Local News and animal control agencies throughout the United States. There have been over 280 fatal attacks by mixed breed type dogs and the majority was caused from unattended children that became victims. 268 fatal attacks occurred from negligence by parents of children up to 7 years of age with a high percentage of children under 4 years old. When taking into account all the circumstances involving fatal attacks there is no rational basis to ban a specific breed of dog. Below is listed fatal attacks dating back to 1970.

1970-2001

Mixed Breeds: Apx. 280

German Shepherd/Husky/Wolfdog/ Malamute : Apx. 118

Rottweiler: Apx. 80

Pit Bull: Apx. 50

Unknown: 19

Great Dane: Apx. 18

Doberman: 14

Chow: Apx. 12

St. Bernard: Apx. 10

Mastiffs: Apx. 8

Boxer: Apx. 7

Akita: Apx. 5

Lab: Apx. 3

Dachshund: Apx. 3

CoonHound: Apx. 2

Aust. Shepherd: apx. 2

Bulldog: Apx. 2

Olde English Sheepdog: apx. 1

Newfoundland: Apx. 1

Briard: Apx. 1

Pomeranian: Apx. 1

Irish Setter: Apx. 1

Basenji: Apx. 1

Presa: Apx. 1

Rhod. Ridgeback: Apx. 1

Airedale Terrier: Apx. 1

Chesapeake Bay: Apx. 1

STATE

WI. Dec 1970 / Malamute/ 3 mo. baby boy / child unattended, dog removed from Sofa

CA. Sept 1971 / Wolfdog / 21 mo. baby girl / unattended, playing with dog on chain

VA. Feb 1972 / 3 German Shepherds/ 50yr. man/ victim got out of car by farm dogs lived on

CA. Mar 1972 / St Bernard/ 7yr. girl/ In neighbors yard.