

California Dog Injuries to Children

Abstract : A California dog bite or dog attack can be a horrifying and painful experience to a child. It can result in serious and at times life-threatening injuries and requires an experienced California child injury and child dog bite lawyer to get the child his rights.

A dog bite or dog attack can be a horrifying and painful experience. It can result in serious and at times life-threatening injuries. The attack often leads to intense physical and emotional pain, injuries to the face or head and this is especially when the victim is a child. It more often than not leads to lifelong scarring. It has proven to be a shocking and life-altering event for a number of children, especially in California. Parents of a child who has suffered such a tragic event need a qualified lawyer to assist them gain compensation.

In California, a dog owner usually is legally liable to pay full compensation to a dog bite victim. This is especially the case when the victim happens to be a child. The money for this comes from homeowners insurance and renters insurance, provided that the dog owner has it. So the basic rule is that a dog bite victim can collect full compensation from the dog owner's homeowners insurance or renters insurance, if you manage to know the Law and also have the Lawyer who is qualified to represent you and win.

California happens to be one of the states that has a dog bite statute, meaning a law that repudiates in whole or part the common law's requirement of "scienter" (i.e., knowledge that the animal had previously injured a person in the same manner, such as by a bite). California Civil Code section 3342 provides the facet under which this can be addressed.

When the victim happens to be a child, the statute is severe to say the least. The dog owner is liable to pay damages to the parents of a child.

Statistics reveal that most dog bites in the California region were due to Rottweiler, Pit Bulls, Dalmatians, Chows, German Shepherds bites. Although, no specific instance has come to light where a comprehensive research and statistics collation has been done, it is evident that these dogs breeds have proven to be unfriendly to children. When a child is bitten by a dog, it tends to lead to a life long fear in the mind of the child and it hesitates to even approach a trained and home friendly dog thereafter. There are a few Dos and Don't's that are required to be understood by a parent when they fear that their child can be at risk. These are :

- Report all dogs roaming at large in your neighborhood. If you see any stray animal acting strangely or menacingly, report the incident. The attack you prevent may be one toward you or a loved one.
- If a dog attack occurs, seek medical attention immediately.
- If possible, identify the owner of the dog and where the dog is housed. Medical personnel will need to know what shots the animal has had to determine if it presents a risk of rabies or other canine diseases.
- Call police and animal control as soon as possible.
- Do not talk about the event with the owner of the dog or any insurance company representative.

Its normal practice that the insurance company and its lawyers might attempt to portray the loss and pain you have suffered due to a dog bite as a fallacy. They will attempt to blame the victim for the attack or mauling in order to avoid an insurance lawsuit.

These are times when you need to approach a lawyer who can stand up to these insurance agencies and also fight for your rights as a victim of a parent. The Keane Law Firm has the experience and resources to handle a variety of childhood injury cases. While Attorney Christopher Keane and The Keane Law Firm specialize in cases from San Francisco and the State of California, they may also accept worthy cases from other

states. If your child or the child of somebody you know has been the victim of a serious injury, we can work with you hold the responsible parties accountable for their negligence. No matter where your child's injury occurred, please don't hesitate to contact us for a no-cost evaluation of your case. Fill out the free form on this web page, or call for free at 1-888-592-KIDS (5437)