

# DOG BITE CASE REPORT FORM<sup>1</sup>

## 1 AGE OF VICTIM (categories from CDC WISQAR™)

- 0= <90 days
- 1= 90 days - <1year
- 2= 1 - 4 years
- 3= 5 - 9 years
- 4= 10 - 14 years
- 5= 15 - 69 years
- 6= >69 years

## 2 SEX OF VICTIM

- 0= Male
- 1= Female

## 3 RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO DOG

- 0= No established relationship [*e.g., visitor to home, intruder to property, or passerby*]
- 1= Familiar [*established positive relationship with dog other than owner/primary caretaker such as someone who is regularly present and familiar to the dog such as a spouse, parent, child, other relative, or roommate who regularly interacts with the dog in positive and humane ways*]
- 2= Incidental [*an association with dog other than owner/primary caretaker such as someone who is regularly present at the home, such as a spouse, parent, child, other relative, or roommate who does NOT regularly interact with the dog in positive and humane ways*]
- 3= Established owner or primary caretaker
- 4= Unknown

## 4 LENGTH OF TIME DOG OWNED BY PERSON ON DATE OF INCIDENT

- 0= ≤ 90 days
- 1= > 90 days
- 2= Unknown

**5 BITE OCCURRED IN PRESENCE OF OWNER OR PRIMARY CARETAKER** (*Presence= human near enough to be able to see and intervene*)

- 0= No
- 1= Yes
- 2= Unknown

**6 AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, WAS ANY ABLE-BODIED PERSON NEAR ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE DOG AT THE TIME OF THE BITE AND TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE VICTIM**

- 0= No
- 1= Yes
- 2=Unknown

**7 DID THE VICTIM'S AGE, OR LIMITED MENTAL OR PHYSICAL CAPACITY CREATE AN INCREASED VULNERABILITY**

- 0= NO [*victim potentially able to interact appropriately (i.e., victim able to assist in the interaction, perception or communication between a dog and a human, persons ≥13)*]
- 1= YES [*victim unable to interact appropriately (i.e., children < 5 years of age, cognitive impairment due to age or other mental disability; physical disability, intoxicated, or impaired from drugs, seizures)*]
- 2= POSSIBLY [*victim possibly unable to interact appropriately (i.e., children aged 5 -12 years or persons with cognitive impairment due to age or other mental disability; physical disability, intoxicated, or impaired from drugs, seizures)*]
- 3= Unknown

**8 WAS THERE EVIDENCE OF ANIMAL ABUSE/NEGLECT OF DOG INVOLVED** (e.g., malnutrition, untreated injuries/disease, physical punishment)

- 0= No
- 1= Yes
- 2= Unknown

**9 DID THE OWNER PREVIOUSLY MISMANAGE THE DOG IN A WAY AS TO ALLOW THE DOG TO BE A DANGER TO OTHERS**  
(e.g., previous bite(s), running at large , previous escape)

- 0= No
- 1= Yes
- 2= Unknown

**10 CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST OWNER / PARENT / CARETAKER IN CONNECTION WITH THE INCIDENT**

- 0= No
- 1= Yes
- 2= Unknown

**11 DID THE OWNER MAINTAIN THE DOG AS A RESIDENT DOG OR FAMILY DOG (*Resident Dog: Dogs whose owners isolate them from regular, positive human interactions. Family Dog: Dogs whose owners afford them opportunities to learn appropriate behavior and to interact with humans on a regular basis in positive and humane ways*)**

- 0= Resident dog
- 1= Family dog
- 2= Undetermined [*evidence of human-canine relationship not available or inconclusive*]

**12 HOW DID OWNER TYPICALLY HOUSE THE DOG**

- 0= Inside home not in isolation
- 1= Indoor/outdoor
- 2= Loose in fenced yard
- 3= Loose in unfenced yard
- 4= Regularly roams loose off owner's property
- 5= Confined in kennel, shed or pen in yard
- 6= Chained
- 7= Indoor isolation [e.g., *basement, garage, porch, laundry room, crate*]
- 8= Unknown

**13 LOCATION OF INCIDENT WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY WHERE DOG NORMALLY RESIDED**

- 0= Off
- 1= On
- 2= Both [*dogs running off property to attack*]
- 3= Unknown

**IF THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ON THE PROPERTY WHERE THE DOG NORMALLY RESIDED, LENGTH OF TIME DOG HAD RESIDED THERE**

- 0= ≤ 90 Days
- 1= > 90 Days
- 2= Unknown
- 3= N/A [*Off property incidents*]

**14 NUMBER OF DOGS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED**

- 0= One
- 1= Two
- 2= Three
- 3= 4 or more
- 4= Unknown

**15 GENDER OF DOG(S) INVOLVED**

- 0= Male
- 1= Female
- 2= Both
- 3= Unknown

**16 REPRODUCTIVE STATUS OF DOG(S)**

- 0= Neutered
- 1= Intact
- 2= Neutered & intact
- 3= Unknown

**BREEDING STATUS OF ANY INTACT DOGS INVOLVED**

- 0 = N/A [*Neutered dogs or intact dogs with none of the below factors present*]
- 1= Intact female, in estrus
- 2= Intact female, pregnant

- 3= Intact female, with puppies
- 4= Intact female, with sub-adult offspring
- 5= Intact male in vicinity of estrus, pregnant or female w/pups
- 6= Intact male and intact female
- 7= Unknown

## END CASE REPORT FORM

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