



Animal Bite Incident Report & Investigation Form

Victim Information	
Name:	
Address:	
City:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:
Date and Time of Injury:	
Business at PAWS (circle all that apply): Volunteer / Employee / Contractor / Visitor / Other	
Other:	

Animal Information : ☐ Dog ☐ Cat ☐ Other: _____	
Animal Name:	PSCT Animal-ID #:
Did the animal give any warning? Yes No	
Has this animal been recently injured or are they experiencing pain? Yes No Unsure	
Please describe any warning signs (i.e. growling, hissing, baring teeth, etc.): _____ _____	
Was this animal fighting with another animal when the bite occurred? Yes No	
Was this animal guarding food/treats or a toy when the bite occurred? Yes No	
Did the animal appear to be fearful? Yes No	
Animal Status: ☐ Stray ☐ Shelter Owned ☐ Wild ☐ Other Owned	

Bite Information
Were there multiple bites? Yes No
Injured Body Part(s):
Number of Punctures, if any:
Did the Victim Require Medical Attention? Yes No
Fully describe what lead up to the injury including the behavior and body language of the animal and what was happening in the animal's environment immediately before the bite: _____ _____ _____ _____
Where in the shelter, or on the property, did the bite occur? _____ _____
Were there other animals involved or nearby? If so, please describe. _____ _____

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BITE SEVERITY SCALE (please circle one):

- Level One Bite:** Air snap. This is a warning bite that doesn't connect. The dog intentionally inhibited his bite and "missed" on purpose. The dog is doing everything possible to get your attention and tell you that all is not well. There were probably many signs leading up to this snap.
- Level Two Bite:** Air snap with skin contact. There might be a red mark or slight bruise, but no skin is punctured. The dog has purposely not bitten down hard.
- Level Three Bite:** There may be one to four puncture holes from a single bite. Skin punctures are no deeper than HALF the length of the dog's CANINE teeth.
- Level Four Bite:** One to four holes from a single bite, deeper than half the length of the teeth. There is soft tissue damage such as severe bruising telling us the dog clamped down HARD and held on, and /or slashes in both directions from the puncture indicating that the dog bit and shook his head.
- Level Five Bite:** Multiple level four bites with deep punctures or slashing due to clamping down, shaking or repeated gripping in an attempt to move the bite to a "better" advantage.
- Level Six Bite:** The victim died as a result of the attack.

Please add any other notes: _____

Completed by:

Name: _____

Witnesses (if any): _____

PAWS Staff
Member Name: _____

Date of Report: _____

*NOTE: Personal information of injured individual on this form is to be used only for purposes of incident investigation and follow-up with the injured person by PAWS Shelter of Central Texas.
The information will not be shared for any other reason*