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WHAT TO KNOW WHEN DOGS BITE

Dogs are often referred to as “Man’s Best Friend,” and most of the time, that statement rings true. It is important to remember, however, that dogs are indeed animals, and without the proper training, can exhibit wild, aggressive behavior. In fact, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) there are approximately 5 million dog bites each year in the United States. This statistic includes bites ranging from severe bites that require immediate medical attention to minor bites that are almost immediately forgotten. The number of bites that require immediate medical attention hovers around 800,000 bites per year, which means that 1/5 of all dog bites result in the need for medical attention.

Dog bites are typically covered by the dog owner’s homeowner’s insurance policy. Unfortunately, much like automobile insurance coverage, many dog owners do not review their policy regarding coverage of dog bites, and find themselves with inadequate coverage when a bite occurs. It can be a good idea to purchase additional umbrella coverage to protect your assets if your dog happens to cause serious injury to another individual. Additionally, it is important to check your policy to see if there are any specific breeds that will not be covered under your homeowner’s insurance policy.

A dog owner can be held liable in civil court the first time their pets bite someone. This law applies if the owner knew or should have known their dog posed a danger to others. However, if the owner violated the state or local laws (for example, having a dog off-leash in a public space), that may be enough to prove negligence. Proving liability is one of the most important aspects of an accident claim. In a civil suit, the defendant may attempt to place some of the blame on the injured person. The state operates under contributory negligence laws, meaning any plaintiffs who are partially responsible for their damages are barred from compensation.

This rule may be enforced in instances of trespassing. For example, an individual who is bitten while on the dog owner’s property without permission may not be able to pursue damages. Further, provoking an animal may cause it

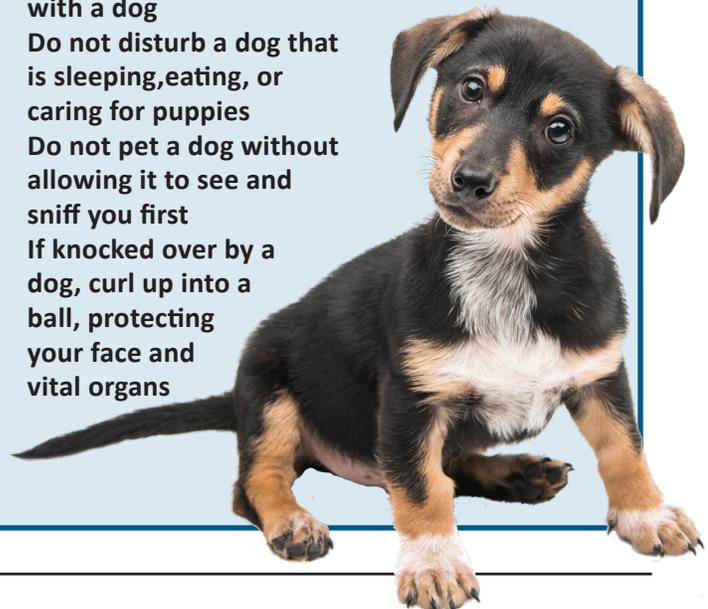
to attack. If a person is proven to have incited violence by taunting the dog, he or she could also be barred from recovering damages. Any ruling of partial fault could seriously hinder a plaintiff’s chances of obtaining compensation. A lawyer who focuses on dog bite cases could prepare a strong argument to

rid you of any blame. Our firm has successfully handled several dog bite cases to facilitate restitution to our clients for medical bills, rehabilitation costs, and emotional trauma.



Tips to Help Prevent a Dog Bite

- Do not approach an unfamiliar dog
- Do not run from a dog or scream
- Remain motionless when approached by an unfamiliar dog
- Avoid direct eye contact with a dog
- Do not disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating, or caring for puppies
- Do not pet a dog without allowing it to see and sniff you first
- If knocked over by a dog, curl up into a ball, protecting your face and vital organs

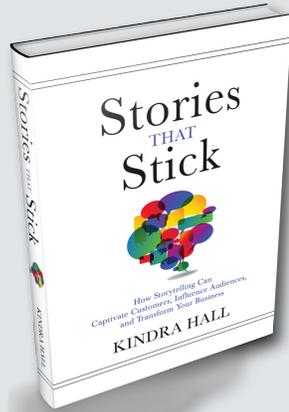


BESTS OF JUNE

Book

Stories That Stick: How Storytelling Can Captivate Customers, Influence Audiences, and Transform Your Business

We all know a great storyteller – maybe it's your mom, your great aunt, or your best friend. This book dissects the components needed to tell a great story and lays out the steps for creating your own story to tell. Disclaimer: You will never watch commercials the same again!



Summer Travel Hack

Bagail packing cubes

Our marketing coordinator travels a lot and swears by these packing cubes! The cubes keep your clothes VERY organized while living out of your suitcase, whether you are divvying them up for each person in your family or by clothing article type!



Local Summer Activity

Chiles Peach Orchard

Head to Chiles Peach Orchard in Crozet, VA to pick your own strawberries and peaches! This spot is idyllic and worth the sweat to pick the sweetest fruit you'll ever eat! 1351 Greenwood Rd, Crozet, VA 22932



Recent Case Summaries

Here's a glance into three cases we are currently wrapping up:

Fall in Store

We recently resolved a case where a client was injured in a big box retail store. She fell after having her foot caught in a shipping pallet that was part of a store display. Our client sustained a hip fracture from her fall and had to undergo surgery which involved placing a rod and screws in her hip. She completed extensive physical therapy and ultimately we were able to settle with the retailer.

Motorcycle Accident

Our client was driving his motorcycle when a car crashed into him. He was thrown from his totaled motorcycle, landing on his arm. He was transported by ambulance to the hospital where x-rays revealed a broken arm. Our client underwent surgery to repair the fracture. We resolved the case for the full amount of coverage. Motorcyclists, please remember to have really high policy limits to protect yourself in case of an accident! This case is a classic example of an unfortunate collision that could have ended in a better result if there were higher policy limits.

Death Related to Roundup

We represented the estate of someone who passed away from Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma after having contact with Monsanto's (now Bayer) Roundup — one of the world's most widely used weed-killers. There are well over 100,000 lawsuits against the company for health issues relating to Roundup, and the company has agreed to pay out almost \$10 billion to settle many of these claims. We were able to help the estate navigate the mass tort process of this large scale lawsuit, and ensured that the family made a significant recovery. In this case, we worked with a national firm that took the lead on getting a global settlement. Having The Warren Firm as the local counsel for the estate, working with a national firm on a class action type case, allowed our client closer communication with an attorney and did not cause an increase in attorney fees for the family.

Strawberry Cake

Is there anything better about late spring than picking and buying fresh strawberries?! It's one of the Warren family's favorite things! Here's a strawberry cake recipe modestly adapted from a Martha Stewart recipe. Enjoy!

Ingredients

- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened, plus more for greasing the pan
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup milk (any fat %)
- About ¾ pound strawberries, hulled and halved

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F and butter a 9-inch deep dish pie pan or 9-inch square cake pan.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside.
3. In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat the butter and 1 cup of the sugar until pale and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the egg and vanilla and beat on low speed until well combined. Gradually add the flour mixture, alternating with the milk, and beat on low speed until smooth. This will create a thick batter.
4. Transfer the batter to the prepared pan and smooth it with a spatula. Arrange the strawberries on top, cut side down, so that they completely cover the batter (the recipe calls for approximately ¾ pound of strawberries; use more or less if necessary). Sprinkle the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar over the strawberries.
5. Bake for ten minutes, then reduce the heat to 325°F and bake until the cake is lightly golden and a tester comes out clean, about an hour. Let the cake cool in the pan on a rack. Serve with sweetened whipped cream or vanilla ice cream, if desired.
6. Cake can be stored at room temperature for several days, loosely covered.



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