



Personal Injury Group: Dog Bite & Other Animal Attacks

Dog and animal attacks are unpredictable. They can often result in painful and disfiguring injuries. Even more alarming is the fact that children appear to suffer a majority of the dog bites and dog attacks which occur each year.

Some states like Pennsylvania impose strict liability for all damages caused by the attack of a dog where the injuries are severe or the dog previously engaged in dangerous behavior. Pennsylvania also imposes strict liability for medical bills even without bad behavior on the part of the dog or its owner. But the laws in the State of New York are a bit different. In New York, the courts have long recognized a cause of action that imposes strict liability on the owner for injuries inflicted by his dog if the victim can establish that the dog is vicious and that the owner knew or should have known about such vicious propensities. Vicious propensities include the propensity to do any act that might endanger the safety of the persons and property of others in a given situation *Bard v. Jahnke*, 6 NY3d 592, 848 N.E.2d 463, 815 N.Y.S.2d 16 (2006).

Though a dog bite or animal attack case may seem straightforward, the issues are quite complex and a victim should have the assistance of a lawyer as soon as the incident occurs. In all dog bite and animal attack cases, it is crucial to take action, investigate the incident, preserve evidence, and carefully evaluate the injuries.

If you or someone you know have questions or concerns about injuries suffered as a result of a dog bite or other animal attack, contact the team of personal injury attorneys at Levene Gouldin & Thompson, LLP.

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