


Understanding Canine Aggression



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About Aggression

- Attempt / warning to competitor of injury or pain
- Variety of behaviors
- May culminate in attack
- May abort at any point
- Protect, gain resources, self
- Keep peace, social interactions
- Many forms (pain, maternal, territory, etc.)



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Threat is Perception

- Real
- Imagined
- Memory
- See, smell, hear
- Pet decides
- Safety bubble
- Plastic

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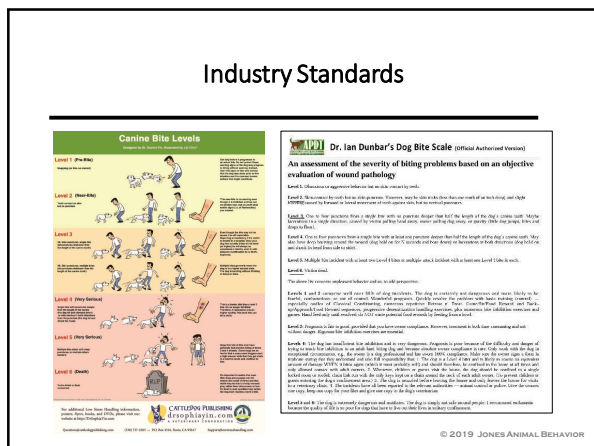
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Bite Scale Overview

1. No contact
2. Contact, no puncture, may be bruise/scratch
3. Single/mult bite, punctures < ½ canine, may be cut single direction
4. Single bite, puncture > ½ canine (clamp) or slashes in both directions (shake), deep bruising
5. Mult bites (2+ level 4) or attacks (1+ level 4), deep punctures
6. Victim dead




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“It Depends”


- Severity, history
- Age, size
- Health, treatment requirements
- Predictability (circumstances, warnings)
- Management (rural/country, specific/all)
- Targets (kids in house, humans, movement)
- Triggers (proximity, variety, intensity)
- Motivation
- Handler personality, instinct, skill, resources
- Professional skill, technique, experience



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Dealing With Aggression

- Life changes
- On-going management
- Safety precautions
- Behavior modification
- Pharmacology
- Vet and/or vet behaviorist
- 1yr + training for safety
- Lifetime vigilance
- Thousands of dollars
- Hundreds of hours



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WHAT PEOPLE THINK IT LOOKS LIKE




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WHAT IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE

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Unknown Factors




- Human error
- Complacency
- Malfunction
- Lifestyle changes
- Environmental changes
- Underminers

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