

If you are bitten by a dog, or any other animal, report it immediately to your local health department.

In Knox County, call the Knox County Health Department's Environmental Health Division at 392-2200.

If you go to the hospital or contact local law enforcement to file a report, they will also report the incident to the Health Department.



*Dogs are not our whole life,
but they make our lives whole.
~Roger Caras*

Remember to always keep your dogs immunized by a licensed veterinarian to protect against rabies.



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Don't Invite A Bite!

A Guide to Dog Bite Safety



You Can Help Prevent Dog Bites!



Every year, there are about 100 dog bites reported in Knox County. Many of these result in serious injuries to both children and adults. Help prevent dog bites to you, your family members, friends and neighbors by following these tips...

If you own a dog, keep it securely confined on your property so it can't escape.



If your dog is off of your property, have it on a leash at all times.



Never approach a dog that you do not know, no matter how "nice" it looks.



If you encounter a strange dog, do not run. A dog's natural instinct is to chase and catch prey. If you run, you are encouraging the dog to chase you.



If a strange dog approaches you, don't scream. Avoid direct eye contact with the dog. Try to remain motionless until the dog leaves, then back away slowly until the dog is out of sight.



If you see a stray dog running loose, call Knox County Animal Control at 740-393-6713.

For information on dog laws, locating a lost dog, or adopting a dog, contact the Knox County Dog Pound at 740-393-6713 or the Knox County Humane Society at 392-2287 or www.knoxhumanesociety.org.

