

Scottsdale Injury Lawyer Mike Nysather Scores AZ Statutes on Dog Bites

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People are mostly unaware of Arizona's limits and terms on personal injury claims arising dog and animal bites. Seasoned AZ Accident Law attorney Michael Nysather offers would-be dog bite victims free advice.

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Few people know that some homeowner's insurance cover injuries caused by dog bites and, out of the few, some are even unaware of Arizona's statutes, putting their potential injury claim in jeopardy.

"Every state has its own law which provides for injuries caused by dogs and other pets," said Mike Nysather of Wade & Nysather Law. "Arizona's statutes assign strict liability on a dog's owner, defines lawful presence in one's property and provocation on the part of the dog bite victim—all of which affects a personal injury claim."

According to Arizona State Legislature's website, the owner of a dog which bites a person, whether in a public place or lawfully in a private location (even in the property of the dog owner) is liable for damages. This is regardless of history, or the owner's knowledge, of a dog's viciousness.

However, the statute sets limitations on legal actions for damages against government agencies such as the military or police that use dogs in performing their duties.

"If the bite occurred while the dog is defending itself against a harassing or provoking act, or assisting an employee of the agency in a clearly defined assignment," cited Nysather, "the government agency and its personnel cannot be held liable for damage claims."

The situations where damage claims may not be filed are:

- When the officer is apprehending or holding a suspect where there is reasonable suspicion that the person is involved in a crime;
- When the officer is investigating a crime;
- While the officer is serving a warrant; and,
- When the dog is defending an officer or a private individual.

"People will have to be aware of the intricacies of these statutes," says Nysather, who has helped many victims of animal bites claim for personal injury in his career.

For more information on how to proceed with a personal injury claim, whether for dog bites, motor vehicle accidents, slip and fall, occupational hazard, and any other causes, visit Wade & Nystaher Law Office's website, www.AZAccident.com, and avail of their no-upfront-fee service.

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