

Some previous cases of dogs attacking people

Perhaps the most infamous national dog attack in recent years occurred when Diane Whipple was mauled to death by neighbors' dogs outside her San Francisco apartment Jan. 16, 2001. The neighbors, Marjorie Knoller and Robert Noel, were each sentenced to a maximum of four years in prison.

Some examples of dog attacks in the Twin Cities:

- April 2001: A 7-year-old girl waiting for a Minneapolis school bus was attacked by two pit bulls which bit and dragged her about 20 feet before being scared off. She was hospitalized.
- July 2000: A 7-year-old girl and her 14-year-old sister walking down an alley in their St. Paul neighborhood were attacked by a Rottweiler that jumped a fence. The 7-year-old required surgery. Her older sister was treated and released.
- April 1998: A pit bull bit the leg of a 7-year-old girl who was riding a bicycle in St. Paul. About a week later, the same dog attacked a 42-year-old woman so severely she had to be hospitalized. The dog was later destroyed.
- Aug. 1993: When a 14-year-old girl was walking her beagle on a leash in Minneapolis, they were both attacked by two pit bulls who jumped a fence.
- Aug. 1987: A 5-year-old boy received 96 stitches in his left arm, shoulder and back after he was attacked by a neighbor's pit bull in St. Paul.

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