

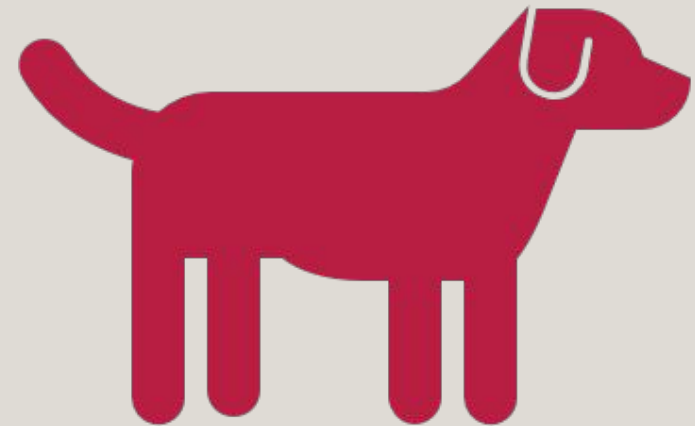
LYNCHBURG HUMANE SOCIETY

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ANIMAL CONTROL – DANGEROUS DOG LAWS

- Multiple bites in a single incident
- Bite and hold
- Bites that cause injuries requiring 4+ stitches



Moderate Bite		
Brief Summary of Dog/Incident:		
Background and History	Yes	No
1. Does the dog have a known home history where they didn't display this behavior or it was successfully managed? (need to edit a bit)		
2. Does the dog have multiple medical or behavioral conditions which greatly reduce ability to support and find a home for them?		
3. Does the dog have a bite history that includes additional moderate or major bites, or more than two minor bites?		
4. Are there other factors that may have contributed to the bite (e.g., medical, impulsivity, tendency to escape)?		
5. Will treatment or management potentially eliminate or greatly reduce other/contributing factors?		
The Bite	Yes	No
6. Was the bite incident sustained or uninterrupted ?		
7. Did the dog redirect their aggressive behavior and bite their handler?		
8. Was the head, neck, or torso apparently purposefully bitten ?		
9. Was this bite apparently accidental ?		
Circumstances	Yes	No
10. Was the bite a response to a reasonable threat ? Could a reasonable person have anticipated the potential for this bite?		
11. Was the bite a reasonable response considering the stimulus/threat and its intensity?		
12. Did the dog move forward more than ten feet or forcibly escape their handler or home to bite the target?		
13. Did the dog show warning signals, signs of stress or high emotional arousal before the bite occurred?		
11. Was the incident related to the dog experiencing severe stress that will likely be eliminated in a different environment?		
15. Did the target of the bite have fragile skin due to age, medical, or other condition?		
Capacity	Yes	No
16. Do you have the resources to treat/resolve contributing factors?		
17. Do you have the resources to implement a behavior plan while maintaining the shelter population and this dog's welfare?		
18. Can you meet the dog's physical and emotional needs while waiting for treatment response or a foster/adopter?		
19. Will continuing to care for this dog and meet their needs compromise human or other animals' safety or welfare ?		
Reassessment	Yes	No
20. Has the dog's behavior improved due to time, treatment, or management of the primary reason the bite occurred?		
21. Has the dog's behavior improved due to treatment or management of contributing factors?		
22. Has the dog's behavior or welfare worsened over time?		
Adoption Considerations	Yes	No
23. Can we reasonably prevent the dog from being exposed to circumstances where they might bite someone?		
24. Will someone from your community want to adopt this dog?		
25. If someone would want to adopt this dog, do you have resources (e.g., marketing, active social media) to find that home in a timely manner?		
26. Does your organization have the capacity to counsel an adopter and provide support after the dog goes home?	x	
Summary:		

Red boxes: indicates high risk. The dog is likely not safe to
Yellow boxes: indicate moderate risk. Evaluate the present
Green boxes: factors that reduce severity or risk, indicate that
Blue boxes: indicate lack of capacity to adequately support

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skip if bite occurred during play

skip if no contributing factors

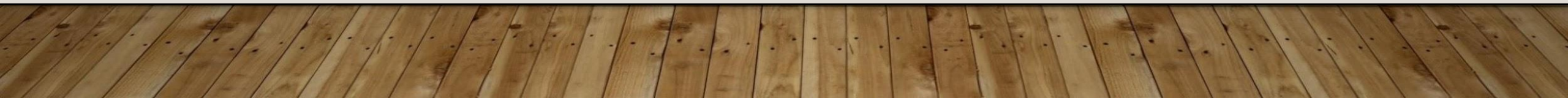
a risk if plans aren't carefully followed

skip if n/a





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