

What You Need to Know If Your Dog or Cat Bites Someone (95.21)

In the US: Of an estimated 1-3 million animal bites per year in the US, approximately 80-90% are from dogs, 5-15% from cats, and 2-5% from rodents, with the balance from other small animals (rabbits, mice, ferrets), farm animals, monkeys, reptiles, and others. Some estimate that 1% of emergency visits are for dog bite wounds. Approximately 1% of dog bite wounds and 6% of cat bite wounds require hospitalization. Wisconsin state law requires that any dog or cat which bites a person be quarantined for ten days so that it can be observed for signs of rabies. WI Stats Sec. 95.21

[State Law \(95.21\)](#)

-Unvaccinated Dogs and Cats

-Vaccinated Dogs and Cats

-Why is the 10-Day Quarantine Period Necessary?

-Penalty for Failing to Comply with Quarantine Requirements