

**Did you know that 300-400 people are bitten by dogs in El Dorado County each year?**



**TO PROTECT YOURSELF  
AND YOUR DOG**

**Be responsible for your pet. Keep your dog under your control and confined on your property or leashed at all times when off your property.**

**Make sure your dog is trained and well behaved.**

**Keep you dog current on all vaccinations and licensing.**

**In the event of an immediate threat to public safety call: 911 or El Dorado County Animal Services**

**El Dorado County Animal Services (Western Slope)  
6435 Capitol Avenue  
Diamond Springs, CA 95619  
530-621-5795**

**El Dorado County Animal Services (South Lake Tahoe)  
1120 Shakori Drive,  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150  
530-573-7925**

**For after hours calls:  
El Dorado County Sheriff's  
non emergency number:  
530-621-6600**

[www.edcgov.us/animalservices](http://www.edcgov.us/animalservices)

**A dog is NOT considered dangerous if the dog causes injury because it was protecting a person from an unjustified attack or a crime, or was being teased or abused.**

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**WHAT YOU SHOULD  
KNOW ABOUT**

**Potentially  
Dangerous  
Dogs**



**EL DORADO COUNTY  
ANIMAL SERVICES**



# POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOGS

CALIFORNIA FOOD & AGRICULTURAL CODE 31602 / EL DORADO COUNTY ORDINANCE 6.12.050

## A “Potentially Dangerous Dog” defined is:

- 1. Any dog which, when unprovoked, on two separate occasions within the prior 36-month period, engages in any behavior that requires a defensive action by any person to prevent bodily injury when the person and the dog are off the property of the owner or keeper of the dog.**
- 2. Any dog which, when unprovoked, bites a person.**

- 3. Any dog, which, has killed, seriously bitten, inflicted injury, or otherwise caused injury attacking a domestic animal off the property of the owner or keeper of the dog.**

*NOTE - This flyer is provided for informational purposes only. For a complete understanding of the law, please refer to CA Food & Ag. Code 31602 and El Dorado County Ordinance 6.12.050*



***El Dorado County personnel will respond to all calls concerning potentially dangerous dog incidents and officers will investigate the case, which may include the possibility of submitting a declaration for a court hearing to have the dog declared “Potentially Dangerous.”***

## INVESTIGATION

1. If you are involved or have first hand knowledge of a situation that applies to the potentially dangerous dog laws, attempt to locate the residence of the dog and make a report with Animal Services immediately.
2. You may be asked to submit a “Potentially Dangerous Dog Questionnaire” and/or a witness statement
3. You will need to agree to testify in court if necessary.
4. A verbal as well as a written letter of warning will be issued to the dog owner from El Dorado County Animal Services.
5. Following written warning, if the dog is loose off of the property of the owner, the dog may be impounded at the animal shelter pending the court hearing.
6. Following a court hearing that declares a dog “Potentially Dangerous,” the dog is ordered to be contained in special locked confinement.