

Dog Attack Investigation Pack

Victim Statement: Enter Name of Witness.

File Number: Enter File Number.

Victim to fully complete for all alleged dog attacks.



DOG ATTACK STATEMENT GUIDE (WITNESS)**File Number:**

The information below is intended to be used as a guide only. It is designed to assist you in providing us with the necessary details to be used as evidence. This guide should not be regarded as advice or coercion of the facts of the event. It is important that you include all relevant details of the incident.

Compensation. Rangers or Snowy Monaro Regional Council are not authorised to recoup out of pocket expenses resulting in a dog attack. This is a civil matter between the victim and the offending dog owner.

You must give an honest account of what happened. If you include anything in it that you know to be false or that you do not believe is true, you may be guilty of a crime and liable to imprisonment for 5 years.

- ✓ Please use the statement forms provided by the Ranger
- ✓ Your statement should cover:
 - ❑ **WHEN** exactly did the attack take place, including date and time
 - ❑ **WHERE** exactly did the attack take place (verge / footpath / road / reserve or park / private address), which direction were you heading, which way did the attacking dog come from
 - ❑ **WHO** was involved in the attack, providing names and addresses where known or descriptions of people and dogs involved (colour / markings / sex / breed)
 - ❑ **WHAT** happened, immediately before, during and after the attack, especially the actions of the attacking dog, describe any injuries you / your dog received and any medical / vet treatment that was provided
- ✓ You may wish to include:
 - ❑ Relevant documents (e.g. vet report), a sketch or photographs
 - ❑ Was your dog on a lead?
 - ❑ Was the attacking dog on a lead?
 - ❑ Was the attacking dog wearing any type of collar? Can you describe it?
 - ❑ Was the attacking dog wearing a muzzle?
 - ❑ What were you / your dog doing immediately before the attack?
 - ❑ What did you / your dog do during the attack?
 - ❑ What was the owner / controller of the attacking dog doing immediately before the attack?
 - ❑ What did the owner / controller of the attacking dog do during the attack?
 - ❑ Were there any witnesses?
 - ❑ What did the witness do or say?
 - ❑ What did you do after the attack?
- ✓ What did the owner / controller of the attacking dog do after the attack? Sign and date **EACH PAGE** of your statement

Victim statement sketch form

Name, _____

Sketch of locality of attack / include street name & house number, verge / footpath

A large rectangular area filled with a fine grid of small squares, intended for the victim to sketch the locality of the attack, including street names, house numbers, verges, and footpaths.

Return completed statement to Snowy Monaro Regional Council within 48 hours

Signed _____ Date _____