

Dog Attack Investigation Pack

Witness Statement: Enter Name of Witness.

File Number: Enter File Number.

Witness 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. Snowy Monaro Regional Council is 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, its handler / owner and describe any injuries you witnessed occurring.
- ✓ You may wish to include:
 - Relevant documents (e.g. vet report), a sketch or photographs.
 - Details of the victim, description name and address if known.
 - Was the animal injured or killed in attack on a lead, or effectively contained when attacked?
 - Details of any animal injured or killed in the attack.
 - Name of the alleged attacking dog or their owner if known.
 - 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 doing immediately before the attack?
 - What did you do during the attack?
 - What was the owner or other person in charge of the attacking dog doing immediately before the attack?
 - What did the owner or other person in charge of the attacking dog doing during the attack?
 - What was the victim / animal owned or under the control of the victim doing during the attack?
 - Were there any other witnesses?
 - What did the witness do or say?
 - Any other details you believe are important.
- ✓ What did the owner or other person in charge of the attacking dog doing after the attack? Sign and date **EACH PAGE** of your statement

Statement of Witness to alleged dog attack

I, _____

Date of Birth _____

Of _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have made this statement knowing that, it is tendered in evidence and that I will be guilty of a crime if I have wilfully included in the statement anything that I know to be false or that I do not believe is true. **I acknowledge I may be called as a Witness in Court**

Alleged Attack Details –

Date :		Location :	
Details :			
Alleged Attack Dog -			
Name :		Breed :	
Microchip No.		Registered :	

I wish to report that,

Signed _____ Date _____

Witness Statement Continued...

Name

(This section contains numerous horizontal lines for writing the witness statement.)

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Witness 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 drawing a sketch of the locality where the attack occurred. The grid is composed of approximately 20 columns and 30 rows of squares.

Return completed statement to Snowy Monaro Regional Council within 48 hours

Signed _____ Date _____