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When A Dog Bites, Who is Responsible?

South Carolina dog bite law imposes liability on the owner or keeper of a dog for any damages sustained if the dog attacks or bites another person. When looking at who is responsible for paying for the injuries and damages caused by a dog attack, there are a few questions that one must consider:

Who had possession of or was caring for the dog when the bite took place? This is important because if you are bitten/attacked by a dog that is being cared for by someone that is not the dog owner, both the owner of the dog and the person who was responsible for the dog when the attack occurred, may be responsible for the attack. For example, if a dog is being taken care of by a friend, relative or dog sitter, and the dog attacks and injures another person, a claim for injuries and damages caused by the dog may be pursued against both the owner and the person responsible for supervising the dog when the attack occurred.

Where did the bite take place? Where the attack occurred is another important factor in determining liability for a dog bite incident. Who owned the property where the dog bite occurred? Did the attack occur on public or private property? Was the property owned by the dog's owner or was the property rented? Was the dog roaming at large?

Was the person who was bitten on the property by invitation, such as guest, repairman, etc.? There is no liability for dog bites that occur when the person attacked is on the property without permission, ie, trespassing. Dog owners and keepers are only responsible if the dog attack victim was authorized or legally permitted on the property.

Was the person bitten working for the state or federal government, such as a mail man, meter reader, etc.? Public servants, such as the postal worker, electrician for the electric company, etc., are considered to have permission to be on property for the duties they perform, and liability is imposed when a dog attacks a person lawfully on the property.

Did the person who was bitten provoke the dog bite or dog attack? If the victim was terrorizing or otherwise provoking the dog, then the law does not impose liability for the dog attack.

Many legal factors that are considered when evaluating who should be responsible for a dog attack incident., and there may be more than one party responsible for the attack. It is highly recommended that you seek the advice of an attorney immediately if you or a loved one is attacked by a dog or other animal.



Meet Our New Paralegal, Angel!

Angel grew up in Greenville South Carolina and received her Paralegal/Legal Assistant Certification from Tri-County Technical College. In Greenville, Angel worked for a large firm in which she supported several attorneys. She has since moved to the Charleston area and joined the team at Shelly Leeke Law Firm.

Angel is driven to advocate for individuals that cannot advocate for themselves. For nearly 17 years she has enjoyed talking to anyone affected by autism and reached out to help guide other parents just starting out on the autism journey.

In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, church activities, escaping to the lake or beach with her family and 3 toy poodles. She also enjoys volunteering with her church to help those in need within the community.

Come See Us at the Flowertown Festival!

Shelly Leeke Law Firm staff will be enjoying the 39th Annual

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TOP 5 APRIL FOOL'S DAY HOAXES

1. Space Shuttle lands in San Diego: In 1993, a DJ told listeners of KGB-FM in San Diego that Space Shuttle Discovery had been diverted, and would be landing at Montgomery Field, a small municipal airport with a 4,577 foot runway. Thousands flocked on the airport to watch the landing, causing traffic jams throughout...turns out, there wasn't even a shuttle in orbit.

2. The Taco-Liberty Bell: In 1996, the Taco Bell Corporation announced it had purchased the Liberty Bell and was renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell.



3. Nixon For President: In 1992, the Talk of the Nation program announced that Richard Nixon was running for president... again.

4. "Lefty" Whopper: In 1998, Burger King ran an ad in USA Today, promoting a "Left-Handed" Whopper, designed so the condiments drip out of the right side. Customers ordered the new Whopper in droves.

5. Flying Penguins: In 2008, BBC announced that camera crews in Antarctica had captured footage of penguins flying, which became one of the most viewed videos on the internet. In reality, the video was merely special effects.



APRIL IS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE AWARENESS OF ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO MAKE HEALTHY, SAFE CHOICES.

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IN 2009, 667 PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHILE WORKING IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE. NOT ONLY IS SPEEDING IN A WORK ZONE DANGEROUS TO WORKERS, BUT IT IS ALSO DANGEROUS FOR YOURSELF.

THE SHELLY LEEKE LAW FIRM ENCOURAGES YOU TO DRIVE SAFELY THIS WEEK, AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Happy April Fool's Day!



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