

TABLE 2. Breeds and Crossbreeds* Involved in Dog Bite-Related Fatalities, by Two-Year Periods, United States, 1979-1994

	Prior Study ¹					Current Study			Total
	1979-1980	1981-1982	1983-1984	1985-1986	1987-1988	1989-1990	1991-1992	1993-1994	
No. known Purebreed	10	20	27	24	22	35	24	25	177
Pit bull	2	5	10	9	12	8	6	5	57
Rottweiler	0	0	1	1	3	1	3	10	19
Shepherd	2	1	5	1	1	5	2	0	17
Husky	2	1	2	2	0	2	2	1	12
Malamute	2	0	3	1	0	2	3	1	12
Doberman	0	1	0	2	2	2	1	0	8
Chow	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	0	6
Great Dane	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
St Bernard	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Akita	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4
Crossbreed									
Wolf	0	1	1	2	1	4§	1	2	12
Pit bull	0	1	0	3	2†	3	1	1	10†
Shepherd	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	1	9
Husky	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	6
Malamute	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
Rottweiler	0	0	0	0	1†	1	0	1	2†
Chow	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2

* Data shown only for breed and crossbreeds involved in ≥ 4 fatalities; data from prior study¹ is updated. Each breed contributing to the crossbreed is counted only once.

† One fatality also involved a pure breed, so pit bull total involved = 67 and rottweiler total involved = 21.

§ One fatality from a pet wolf occurred in 1989 in Minnesota and was not included.