

Gary A. Peterson Tustin Personal Injury Attorney Launches Educational Initiative for Dog Attack Victims

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Gary A. Peterson, a Tustin-based personal injury attorney with over two decades of experience in personal injury law, has launched a comprehensive educational campaign to inform dog attack victims about their legal rights under California's strict liability statutes. The initiative aims to address widespread misconceptions about compensation eligibility and help injured individuals understand the legal protections available to them.

California law holds dog owners strictly liable for injuries caused by their pets, regardless of whether the animal has shown previous aggressive behavior. This legal framework differs significantly from many other states that follow a "one-bite rule," making it crucial for victims to understand their unique position under state law.

"Many dog bite victims don't realize that California's strict liability law means they don't have to prove the dog owner knew their pet was dangerous," said Gary A. Peterson, Personal Injury Attorney. "Our educational campaign focuses on empowering victims with knowledge about their rights, the compensation they may be

entitled to, and the importance of taking prompt legal action after an attack."

The educational initiative comes as dog bite incidents continue to affect thousands of Californians annually. According to recent insurance industry data, California consistently ranks among the top states for dog bite claims, with victims often facing significant medical expenses, lost wages, and long-term physical and emotional consequences.

The campaign includes comprehensive resources covering critical topics such as immediate steps to take following a dog attack, documentation requirements for building a strong case, understanding homeowner's insurance coverage for dog bite claims, and navigating the statute of limitations for filing personal injury claims in California.

Gary A. Peterson law firm has handled numerous cases involving severe dog attacks, including incidents resulting in permanent scarring, nerve damage, and psychological trauma. The firm's experience reveals that many victims initially hesitate to pursue legal action, often due to relationships with the dog owner or uncertainty about their rights.

The educational materials also address common scenarios that complicate dog bite cases, such as attacks occurring on the owner's property, incidents involving working dogs, and situations where the victim may have interacted with the dog prior to the attack. Understanding these nuances helps victims make informed decisions about seeking legal representation.

Peterson's practice emphasizes the importance of early legal consultation, particularly given that evidence preservation and witness testimony become increasingly challenging as time passes. The firm operates on a contingency fee basis, meaning clients pay no attorney fees unless compensation is obtained.

Based in Tustin, California, Gary A. Peterson has practiced personal injury law for over 20 years, representing clients in dog bite cases, motorcycle accidents, pedestrian injuries, and other personal injury matters. The firm provides free consultations to injury victims throughout Orange County and maintains a commitment to helping injured individuals navigate the complex legal system while focusing on their recovery.
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