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### Dog Bites Can Cause Serious Injuries and Worse



A dog bite can be much more than a playful nip, as proven last summer by a baby's death in Gainesville. The three-week-old infant girl was napping in her bedroom when the family dog, a Husky mix, entered the room and bit her on the head. The baby later died at the hospital. Local animal control took custody of the dog.

Dogs are "man's best friends," but they are animals and can be unpredictable. A dog can bite when provoked or fearful. The bite injury can be serious and, in the tragic Gainesville case, even death.

#### Dog Bites – Common and Damaging

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) records that more than 4.5 million Americans are bitten by dogs each year. Of these, 350,000 are serious enough for emergency room treatment.

Some of the injuries that a dog attack can cause include:

- Puncture wounds
- Lacerations
- Fractures
- Facial injuries and permanent disfigurement
- Internal damage
- Infections

The harm inflicted by a dog bite may not be limited to physical. A victim can experience long-term emotional damage including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Symptoms can include anxiety, nightmares, headaches, paranoia or unusual behavior.

#### How to Minimize the Risk of a Dog Bite

When confronted by a strange dog:

- Remain as still and calm as possible.
- Say "No" or "Go away" in a firm voice.
- Keep your hands and arms close to your body.
- If you are attacked, protect yourself by curling up in a ball and protect your face, ears and neck with your hands.

Even a familiar dog will protect its eating and sleeping territories. Never interrupt a dog when it is eating or sleeping.

Never leave a child alone with a dog – even a familiar one or a family pet. 75% of dog bites involve animals that belong to the victim's family or friend. Never allow a child to try to "kiss" a dog or go near its face.

Read more about children and dog attacks at [SafetyAroundDogs.org](http://SafetyAroundDogs.org).

Get medical help right away if you or a family member experience a dog bite, and notify Animal Control. It is a dog owner's responsibility to control their pets. If you are injured because an owner has failed in his or her responsibility, you may be able to hold them responsible for your injuries. Keep a record with photos of the attack including the dog, your injuries and the scene, and then contact an [attorney experienced in Georgia dog bite attacks](#).

### Driverless Cars: Can They Reduce Accidents?



Driverless or self-driving cars are in the news every day and Google (Waymo), Uber and Tesla are moving ahead quickly. Many hope that a driverless car will eliminate human error auto accidents. Up to 90% of crashes have driver error as a contributing factor.

Newer car models have tools like cameras, high-tech maps and sensor technology that allow the vehicle to monitor surroundings better than a human. Designers and manufacturers have fulfilled millions of road test miles and the potential is there for autonomous cars to save lives.

But manufacturers and designers are not there yet. Earlier this year two Tesla drivers died in accidents followed by fires.

Will autonomous cars be safer? Some driver errors will be reduced such as driver distraction, eyesight limitation and reaction time.

However, there are some ethical problems that as of now only humans can handle. For example, should the car swerve to avoid an accident only to hit an obstacle in the road? What if that obstacle is a child? Can that type of discerning intelligence be built into automation?

When a pedestrian walking a bicycle was killed last year in Arizona by an Uber vehicle operating in autonomous mode, there was an Uber safety driver present in the car. The driver stated that she had been looking down at the console and was first warned of the danger of collision by the collision itself. A police statement referenced how the pedestrian came out of the shadows onto the roadway and indicated that it would have been difficult to see her under the circumstances.

At this point, driverless car technology shows promise of reducing injuries and fatalities caused by vehicle accidents, but there is still a lot of work in research, testing, safety and legal issues that must be accomplished before implementation.

If you or a family member has been injured in an [auto accident](#), [truck accident](#), [motorcycle accident](#), [slip and fall](#) or by any other type of personal injury, or if you have been denied Workers' Compensation, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call 404.581.9100 for your initial free consultation. [Adamson & Cleveland, LLC, injury attorneys in Georgia](#), can help you determine whether you need a lawyer for an accident or any personal injury case.

### Recipe of the Month Whole Wheat Pumpkin Waffles



Fall flavors abound in these pumpkin waffles! A great option for a leisurely Sunday breakfast or freeze them to eat through the week.

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg, separated
- 1/2 cup plain pureed pumpkin
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 Tbsp canola oil
- 2 Tbsp brown sugar
- 3/4 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp nutmeg

#### Directions

1. Preheat waffle iron.
2. In a large bowl, combine milk, egg yolk, pumpkin, vanilla, oil and brown sugar together. Place egg white in a separate smaller bowl and beat with a hand mixer until firm peaks form. Set aside. Pour in remaining dry ingredients to the wet and slowly incorporate. Fold egg whites into waffle batter.
3. Spray waffle iron with non-stick cooking spray. Pour about 1/2 cup of batter onto waffle iron. Close the top slowly. Cook about 2 minutes or until waffles are crispy.
4. Serve immediately with butter and maple syrup.

*Recipe courtesy of Lauren's Latest*

### What's Happening In & Around Norcross

**Dec 7 - 8**  
[Atlanta Running Festival 5k](#)  
Piedmont Park  
Atlanta, GA

**Dec 8**  
[High End Holiday Food & Wine Festival](#)  
Vino Venue  
Atlanta, GA

**Dec 8**  
[Trans-Siberian Orchestra](#)  
Infinite Energy Center - Infinite Energy Arena  
Duluth, GA

**Dec 14**  
[Celtic Woman: The Best of Christmas](#)  
& The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra  
Atlanta Symphony Hall  
Atlanta, GA

**Jan 9 & 11**  
[Jorge Federico Osorio](#)  
Atlanta Symphony Hall  
Atlanta, GA

**Jan 11**  
[Celine Dion](#)  
State Farm Arena (Formerly Philips Arena)  
Atlanta, GA

**Feb 18**  
[Gordon Lightfoot](#)  
Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre  
Atlanta, GA

**Feb 22 - 23**  
[Lost Mountain 5K](#)  
MCCS Campus  
Powder Springs, GA

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