

# Six Facts on Animal Attacks



Odds of winning the lottery: 1 in 135,145,920 (multi-state mega-millions jackpot).  
Lifetime odds of dying as the result of a dog attack: 1 in 115,489 (National Safety Council Odds of Dying).

1. Two Canadians died as a result of being bitten by mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus in 2006. In the US that same year, 177 people died from West Nile Virus.
2. Three fatal bear attacks occurred in 2008, two of them in Canada and one in the US.
3. Across the planet, there were four fatal shark attacks in 2008, two of those occurring in Mexico, one in the US and one in Australia.
4. An estimated 77 percent of all dog bites involve animals owned by family or friends.
5. About 100 people across the US die each year as a result of allergic reactions to bee or wasp stings.
6. An estimated 125 people worldwide die each year after being bitten by snakes.