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Dogs were first domesticated more than 10,000 years ago and since that time have become companions to humans. This relationship developed through a fostered process of humane treatment and friendship. Although dogs are companionable, they still may attack and harm humans. Information available from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates about 180,000 children 19 years and younger received emergency room treatment for dog bites during 2001. Approximately 80% of these dog bites were caused by a family or neighbor's dog and most frequently included bites to arms/hands, legs/feet, and heads/necks. For additional information about how to safely care for and handle dogs, go

to the Clover Safe note at: <http://ucanr.org/cloversafe>.

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