

INSURING

DANGEROUS DOG BREEDS

No dog breed is guaranteed to be attack-or bite-free. Let The CIMA Companies, Inc educate you on your insurance needs when your dog is considered “dangerous.”

The Basics

Insurance can usually be obtained for most dogs; however, there are some limitations. If you own a breed that has been historically violent, you may have to pay an increased premium (even if your dog has not displayed any violent behavior). The following dog pedigrees are considered dangerous:

- Pit Bull
- Saint Bernard
- Doberman
- Rottweiler
- Great Dane
- Boxer
- German Shepherd
- Doberman Pinscher
- American Staffordshire Terrier
- Husky
- Siberian Husky
- Akita
- Alaskan Malamute
- Wolf-dog Hybrid
- Chow Chow

Owner Responsibilities

To minimize the risk that your dog will display aggressive behavior towards other dogs or humans, you must be a responsible pet owner and do the following:

- Restrain your dog with a strong leash when in public or a fence while in the yard. The fence should be at least 6 to 8 feet tall, depending on your dog’s size.
- Socialize your dog as a puppy with other dogs and people. Take him or her to puppy classes starting at a young age, and praise your dog when he or she behaves well with others.
- Spay or neuter your dog, as fixing a dog alters its territorial instincts and aggression.
- Train the dog not to bite your hands, furniture, etc. If your dog starts to growl or chew on something, clap your hands loudly to distract him or her and then provide a toy for the dog to play with. Praise the dog when he or she chews on toys only.
- Give your dog lots of positive attention.

- Properly identify your dog with tags and a microchip.

We’re Here to Help

Have questions? Don’t hesitate to give us a call at (703) 739-9300 today!

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