

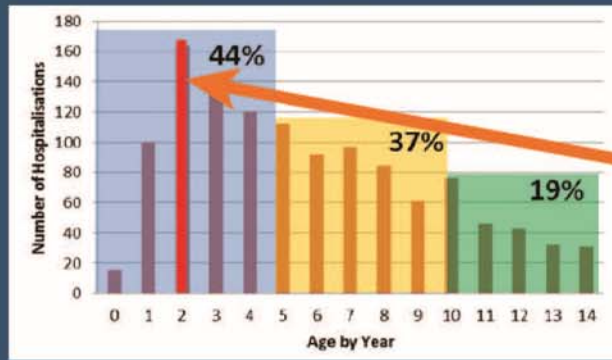
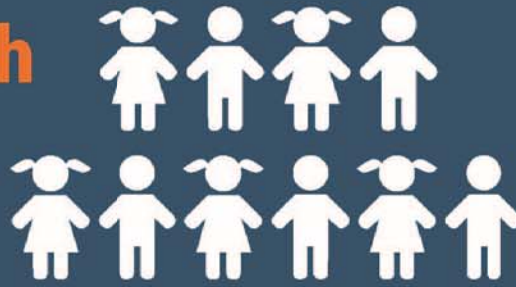
Child Dog Bite HOSPITALISATIONS IN NZ

INJURY DATA* EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW

*National admission data for 0-14 years old (2005-2014) sourced from the Injury Prevention Research Unit – University of Otago

On average **10 children a month** are hospitalised (120 a year)

Injury diagnosis: open wound (91%), amputation and fracture (3%) and other (6%)



Under-5s are most at risk

2 year olds are bitten most often



Average ACC claims per year for dog-related injuries (2006-2015):

391,826

Source: ACC



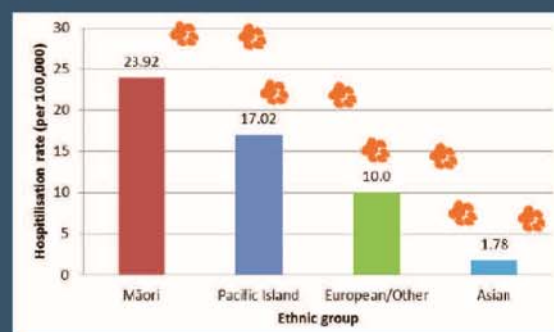
Most bites are to

the head (70%)

Most children are bitten in the **home**



REMEMBER: All dogs have the potential to bite under certain circumstances (woof, woof!)



Tamariki Māori and Pacific children are bitten

more than other ethnicities



For more information on dog owners responsibilities, understanding dog behaviour and supervision of children around dogs, visit:

- Keeping our Children Safe Around Dogs: www.researchcommons.waikato.ac.nz/handle/10289/931
- The New Zealand Institute of Animal Management: <http://nziam.org.nz/dogs-home>
- Department of Internal Affairs:
 - www.dia.govt.nz/Resource-material-Dog-Control-Index
 - www.dogsafety.govt.nz
 - www.localcouncils.govt.nz/lqip.nsf/wpg_URL/Profiles-Local-Government-Statistical-Overview-Dog-Control-Statistics

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