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### Dog bite attack girl begins recovery

We are delighted to hear that five year old Tanisha Hall has begun her recovery from the horrific dog bite attack which left her with "life-changing" facial injuries.

It is thought Tanisha had been trying to kiss the American bulldog - a breed not banned under the Dangerous Dogs Act - when the dog attack occurred.

And it's sad but true that we are now handling more and more compensation claims for dog bites and dog attacks. In fact, it was reported in December 2009 that more than 100 victims of dog bites are admitted to hospital each week. That's a 66% rise in just a decade, and many victims of dog bites or dog attacks may be entitled to claim compensation.

Other figures show that the number of people convicted of breaking the Dangerous Dogs Act has trebled in the same 10 years, with people now buying dogs as 'badges of honour' rather than family pets.

But claiming compensation for a dog bite or dog attack can be a complex process. For example, if the dog has a history of being aggressive or is known to be a danger to the public, then the owner is responsible for any dog attack and you should be able to claim compensation. But it is often difficult to prove that the dog is aggressive and that the owner is to blame.

So, if you have been bitten by a dog or attacked by a dog and want to claim compensation, you should follow some simple rules: get the dog owner's name and address; ask if they have Pet Insurance or Home and Contents insurance, these could pay out compensation for the dog bite or dog attack; write down as much detail as you can; consider reporting the dog attack to the police - you may be the first victim, but probably not the last.

You can claim compensation for a dog bite or attack for any injuries or personal trauma sustained. Though some breeds of dog are banned under the Dangerous Dogs Act, it's important to remember that many breeds of dog can bite or attack and if you can prove that the owner has put you at risk then you may be able to make a successful compensation claim.

Just as with the Tanisha Hall incident, we are always saddened to hear of any child or adult suffering from a dog attack, which can leave severe physical and mental scars. However, where there is a case to claim compensation for a dog attack our Personal Injury team has the expertise and commitment to fight for the compensation settlement you deserve.

Call our Personal Injury Team today to find out how they can help you or a member of your family on:

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