

DR. IAN DUNBAR'S BITE LEVEL ASSESSMENT <i>(printed with permission)</i>	
#1	Obnoxious or aggressive behavior, but no skin-contact by teeth.
#2	Skin-contact by teeth, but no skin-puncture. However there may be nicks (less than 1/10" deep) and slight bleeding caused by forward or lateral movement of teeth against skin, but no vertical punctures.
#3	One to four punctures from a single bite with no puncture deeper than half the length of the dog's canine teeth. May be lacerations in a single direction, caused by victim pulling hand away, owner pulling dog away, or gravity (little dog jumps, bites, and drops to floor)
#4	One to four punctures from a single bite with at least one puncture deeper than half the length of the dog's canine teeth. May also have deep bruising around the wound (dog held on for x seconds and bore down) or lacerations in both directions (dog held on and shook its head from side to side).
#5	Multiple-bite incident with at least two Level 4 bites.
#6	Flesh consumed or victim dead.
<p>In general, there is a huge transition between appropriate versus inappropriate use of the mouth when you cross into Level 3 and above. Dogs in daycare that display inappropriate bite inhibition (level 3 and above) need training and should not be in a daycare setting.</p>	

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