

How do you kill a dog with your bare hands?

Personally, I have been attacked by a dog only twice in my life. Where I'm from, lots of people keep dogs for protection and there are some strays also. The key to defending yourself against a dog is first realizing that you will not walk away unscathed. You will get bit, you will bleed, and you'll probably need stitches. That's why, whether or not you can successfully defeat a dog attack, you should always try to avoid (ie. if there is a fence, jump it and avoid the attack, etc.)

Second, you have to realize that dogs do not have pride or ego and once they are actually hurt, will most of the time back off.

Third, know a dog's weaknesses. They are very susceptible to being kicked in the throat or ribs, which are generally their weakest points. Quadrupeds tend to have weak abdomens because they do not rely on abdominal muscles for stability.

Fourth, you cannot be afraid. Everyone has apprehension when a dog attacks, but if you are genuinely afraid, you have no chance. The slightest hesitation will cost you a limb and maybe your life. You have to go forward at the dog and attack back, not simply defend.

The first time I was attacked by a dog (probably about a 60 lbs dog - mutt), I was 14 and got really bit up and a neighbor came to my rescue. I got stitches in 4 different places, but was more scared than anything; basically in shock.

The second time I was attacked by a dog (probably about an 80 lbs dog - rottweiler), I was 23. This time, I remembered what happened the last time when I tried to back away and defend, so I went on the attack. As soon as the dog charged at me to bite, I went forward as well and kicked him as hard as I could under his jaw/neck. That backed him off for a second, so I kept coming forward, kicking the dog with soccer kicks anywhere they would land. Eventually, it backed off and left me alone. *Note, I was never bit, but still had several cuts on my legs from his teeth because dogs move in very unpredictable ways.

If you're not afraid of the dog, you'll have a good chance of doing well should you be attacked. I wouldn't try grabbing the dog unless you are well trained because that will only allow the dog closer proximity to your neck or anything else it wants to bite, and all it takes, even if you grabbed it and are in control, is one wiggle for the dog to free itself and bite. I wouldn't take that chance.

Carry a really good strong hard stick, or club, heck even some lead pipe. Imagine the face of the charging dog like a baseball. And imagine that the pipe or stick or club as a baseball bat. Hit a home run.

This is a very difficult question to answer. Even having a little personal experience in the matter (not killing a dog just fighting one off), I can only give ideas as to how you could fight off or... kill a dog or a wolf.

And note: I only answer this to provide help in a dangerous situation where you seriously fear for your life, serious injury or for the help of others. Personally I like dogs.

Firstly, I would run like hell to somewhere safer, where if you couldn't get help you could at least find something for a weapon, find something to climb out of its reach or try use

your environment to your advantage. Eg: gates, pools, trees, rocks, houses, fences, branches, etc..

Secondly, do everything in your power to avoid being bitten because when they do they can really latch on and its close to impossible to unclench their jaws.

Thirdly, most dogs of a certain size and larger are heavy, muscle-bound creatures who can shake off or even ignore heavy blows to the head or body. Usually when they're attacking something and in a state I would call 'bloodlust' or 'attack mode'. You could try gouging it's eyes, or even attempt to strangle it (though that would most likely be a waste of energy and might just put you in more danger being closer to its head), or you could try to pin it on its back while pushing down hard on its throat with both hands or your knee both to suffocate it and keep its head down.

Also, some people may say to stick your hand down its throat to make it release you when its biting you. This will not work unless its a really big dog or wolf as most times your hand wont even make it sufficiently pass the teeth let alone down its throat. Especially, as the dogs mouth will be already half clamped shut because its biting you.

This is something only experience can help you. Having somebody tell you is not going to help when the situation occurs.

That being said, a charging creature often has more weight than you do (Force is mass times acceleration). As such, you must use this to your advantage. You cannot stop anything charging directly at you that weighs more than you, so you must avoid being directly in front of the animal when it reaches you.

Slamming the animal laterally (To the side) will knock it off balance. Quickly grabbing the neck, you would force it down towards the ground. Keeping the animal on the ground at this point is a case of holding the neck firmly to the ground, and keeping the animal on its side and not on its belly.

Again though, this will not work if you try it. You need experience to do it right. In other words, don't go pissing the dog down the street off so that you can pull a Steve Irwin on

i have been attacked by a dog a pit bull to be exact if possible grab a weopon if you cant dont run there is no way to out run a dog i know ive tried and paid dearly for it try to scare it of loud noises or throw anything you can if it charges you kick it in the bottom of the jaw it will stun it temporarily you have to act fast almost immediatly or it wont work right when ou kick immediatly apply the rear naked choke or you can break its neck by grabbing it by the ear and bootom jaw and applying a very violent jerk if you choose the choke watever you do **DO NOT LET GO UNTIL THE DOG IS NEUTRALIZED** or you will pay the consequences

Jimbo Jones has the best points (and stories!!) on this one. Fear is a key factor. People grow up amongst friendly and violent people on a regular basis. Fearing people is dealt with, in peoples minds, before they, usually, ever have to deal with a fight with a person. But a dog! Not many people think about what it's like to fight a dog!

I myself have never been attacked by a dog. I watched, as a child at the age of 9, my mom defend herself, and a dog we were walking, from a dog that was about twice the size of

the dog we were walking. Exactly what Jimbo Jones said, is what my mom tried. She ran up as the dog was attacking our dogs throat and she nailed that F***er in the side. He cried out loud and ran off. Our dog was a little injured, but no worse for the wear.

Depending on the size of the dog, theoretically, a dogs rib cage, and other bones in their overall structure, cannot take a full forced hit from a full grown (or even a teenage) human by any means. The trick is making sure you have a chance to swing. Knowing that, I would imagine it is kind of like fighting a person. If they are trained or not, on how to attack, it is always a wise decision to avoid confrontation as is best possible. A police dog might be a lot more difficult to kill, rather than a wild dog as well. The biggest key would be to use your size to take the dog out. Don't let the dog get close enough to you, to bite you; and do not be afraid. Remember that a dog is 1/4 the size of you on average. As well, there is a reason that humans are the dominant species on this planet (as far as we know).

Fighting off a huge dog would be no different than fighting off someone bigger than you. Go for shots that get you a kill. Eye gouging, as someone here mentioned already, ear grabbing and ripping, and attacks to other various areas on the dogs body should all be taken advantage of. I know a dogs nose is extremely sensitive, and the same rules apply, for adrenaline rushes, from an animal, that apply to a person. So once they attack, it may become a life or death situation, you must be ready! If you wind up killing the dog, that's better than you being mauled to death by a dog!

This is actually a really entertaining question to me! I really have never thought about being attacked by a dog. I have thought about how screwed I would be to fight a bear or tiger or lion or something though! That's a total one sided fight, just by size alone! This is a little trickier though...

How to Defeat a Pit Bull with Your Bare Hands



Fact: Any breed of dog is capable of attacking a human. But 56 percent of all fatal dog attacks in the United States in the past five years were committed by pit bulls, according to a report released last week by the organization DogsBite.org. "During the 1980s and 1990s, fatal dog attacks averaged 17 per year. The death-by-dog-bite rate now is nearly double this amount at over 30 per year and largely due to pit bulls," the group says. The tips below can be used against any breed of dog that happens to attack, up to and including the pit bull. (And to those who claim that humans' anxiety about pit bull attacks is fostering an environment where pit bulls are subliminally encouraged to attack: I will not discuss matters of human culpability and mind-reading pit bulls because YOU ARE INSANE.)

1. Avoid Conflict

"Trying to make friends with strange dogs is not a good idea," says David Wiley, a Seattle dog behavioral therapist with BarkBusters.com. "Don't try to pay attention to a dog in a car or behind a fence—even friendly dogs can be territorial." Never let yummy little kids—who make sudden, startling, unpredictable movements—anywhere near unleashed pit bulls.

If you find yourself on what feels like the verge of being attacked: "Don't run—the movement can make the dog more excited and chase you. Stand completely still and cross your hands in front of you. Don't make direct eye contact, which can come across as a challenge. Don't turn your back, as it may embolden the dog. Just stand still. Once the dog loses interest, back away," says Wiley.

2. Stand On A Car



So you've stood still and avoided eye contact, and still the dog in question shows signs of dangerous aggression. If you can get yourself somewhere higher than the ground, do it. If you can stand on a car, stand on a car. (You can worry about possibly denting a stranger's hood and roof later—just get the fuck up there.)

3. Cover Your Face and Play Dead



If there's no car or any other higher level handy, "don't try to defend yourself, just protect yourself," says Emily Keegans, behavior program manager at the Seattle Humane Society. "That basically means to get down on the ground, pull your knees to your chest, clasp your hands behind your neck, put your elbows around your face." This play-dead-while-defending-your-tender-face-and-lap-bits approach is seconded by Wiley: "Stillness is the best thing. If a dog gets its teeth into you, fighting back can make things worse."

4. Mace The Fucker



There's nothing as low drama as spraying the animal with a pain-inducing repellent. If your life regularly takes you through areas populated with dogs, get Mace (or pepper spray, or citronella). Do it now, because all other "fighting back" options are nauseatingly violent. Butch's Gun Shop on Aurora Avenue sells a small container of Mace for around \$12, while REI sells an eight-ounce "bear spray" for \$30.

5. Bust Its Head, Break Its Knees, Or Choke It



Is there something heavy you can grab? A rock, a brick, a boom box? If so, smash it against the dog's head until it retreats or loses consciousness.

Or can you or someone else grab the attacking dog's legs? If so, yank them apart to break the dog's knees.

If that's not possible, choke it. Don't straddle the dog, but get into a position with the bony part of your forearm against its throat and put pressure on the windpipe "for at least 30 seconds until the dog is unconscious and has stopped struggling," says self-defense specialist Charles Prosper.

6. Gouge Its Eyes Out

Is choking not in the cards? Do you have something to wrap around your arm? Say, a jacket? If so, wrap it around your nondominant arm and let the dog bite it. Then fall on top of the fucker and dig your fingers into its eyes. Don't stop until the dog's a whimpering mass of blindness, then get yourself to safety. ★

- Turn fist sideways (thumb at top). Push it into the dog's face - it won't be able to resist the temptation to bite it, but it has to open its mouth past the point at which it has sufficient strength to cause any damage. Its jaw will lock onto your hand and you will be able to lift it sufficiently to kick it in the balls. You only get one shot at this, your life literally depends on you kicking hard enough for the dog to lose consciousness. You can then finish it off by bringing your heel down hard between the ear and eye.

If it has a collar pull up hard on its collar whilst pushing down on its neck and head, this will force the dog to open its mouth as it will gasp for air, pull whatever or whoever it is attacking out from its mouth. No need to kill it, pitbulls aren't vicious, it's the ppl who own them who make them like that!

A convicted rapist broke into a house one night. The mother and 3 year old daughter were home alone. Their Pit bull grabbed the man's arm. The man stabbed the dog with a knife that was his weapon. The dog was stabbed a total of 6 times and still managed not to release the man's arm until the cops arrived. The dog was rushed to the vets and sadly lost his life within a few days. This is a true story. I wouldn't try to kill a dog with my bare hands. I may be a lot of things, but stupid isn't one of them.

i dont know why you are asking this but:
 when it jumps for you, dodge and jump on it from behind, put both hands around its snout so it cant turn around and bite you, and sit on its back or hold its back down with your legs.
 as for killing it, thats horrible.
 while you are wrestling the thing, just keep holding its snout shut and keep pinning it down while someone else calls animal control or the cops

What Would I Do If Attacked by a Dog?

by Ed Frawley

This is a 2-part article.

1. The first part deals with what I (as a professional) would do if I were attacked by a dog.
2. The second part deals what the average pet owner should do if they or their pet are attacked by stray dogs.



What Would I Do?

I was recently asked what I would do if I were attacked by a dog. The question was not what should someone else do if they were attacked, but what would I do. Considering the recent death in San Francisco by Presa Canario I thought it an appropriate title for this article.

The first thing that people need to understand is that 99.99% of the dogs that attack and kill humans are dogs with weak nerves or extremely dominant dogs with no training. These are not trained dogs with solid temperaments that are killing people. But even so, I will address both kinds of dogs.

Keeping in mind that question asked "What would I do?"

I will start by saying that it only takes me a very few seconds to evaluate a dog as it approaches. I can tell from a dog's body language and eye's if it's a sharp, nervous dog.

With sharp dogs simply facing the dog with a loud, deep-throated confident "NO!!!!" will often be enough to stop the dog in its tracks. Most will turn and leave. The fact is these are not strong dogs that want to fight a human, they are weak dogs who show aggression, because they have learned that aggression makes people leave them alone. Dogs from this category that don't turn and leave will stand off and bark. I would continue to stare at those dogs and give them a loud "NO, GET TO THE HOUSE!!!" Eventually they will slink off and leave, trying to act tough as they go.

Dogs like this are the ones who have the hair up on their back as they approach, they may (or may not) show a lot of teeth. Their body posture is not forward, they will stand with their feet apart like they are real close to "fight or flight" (which they are). If I can stop these dogs with my voice, I will pause and give direct eye contact for a second and then take a quick step toward the dog - yelling in a strong confident voice. The majority of them will bolt into flight.

These nervous dogs that don't bolt will bark and circle as they try to get at you from behind. Simply turning and facing them with direct eye contact is going to prevent this. Very, very, very few dogs are going to do this, at least not to me anyway. Dogs sense strength and confidence in my body posture, eye contact and voice. For those dogs that don't leave after a minute, I can slowly (and I mean slowly) back out of their territory. Which, depending on the dog, could possibly be quite some distance. I testified in court several years ago against a lady in Kansas whose Rott killed a 9 year old boy. These were allowed to roam the neighborhood. They

considered their territory circle of several blocks around their home. By the way, this woman is now serving 11 years in prison. It's too bad that she will not spend more time there. She had no remorse.

The average person can do the same thing that I do when they are confronted by a nervous dog. What they don't want to do is turn and run. No matter how scared you are, you can't out run a dog, and running will only trigger prey drive and increase the possibility of an attack and being bitten.

The second group of dogs, (those that know how to fight humans), are a different situation. The only way to deal with an attack from these dogs is to climb a tree or fight them.

As the dog approaches, I would square off and offer a target, my left arm. Trained dogs have almost all been started on left arm bites. I would stand in a balanced position similar to someone trained in Karate. As the dog approached, usually at a run, I would wait until the dog was about 3 meters away and swing my arm up (in front of and across my body). This movement will trigger the dog's prey drive and it will target the arm. As I do this, I quickly pivot to the side and jerk the arm away just as the dog was about to grip the arm. This is done when the dog is in the air with his mouth open, in other words "at the last possible instant." Making the dog miss his grip obviously takes a little experience and coordination but it can be done - it's surprising how focused one can be at times like this.

As the dog goes flying by I would try and disable the dog with a strong kick to the back of the ribs or groin. The odds are this would not work. The majority of these dogs will turn and come again. The second time will not allow as much planning. I have been successful in 3 passes of a dog before it was stopped by its owner. When an untrained dog misses a bite three times in a row its nerves get turned on. When that happens these dogs can be pushed into flight with an aggressive move towards them.

I have no idea how many times in the past 20 years that I have fought police dogs in muzzle fighting training, more than I can remember. I can say that the more experience one has the better you get at fighting dogs. I have run tough KNPV trained dogs that were sent after me in muzzle.

With that said the fact is the more experience a dog gets at fighting humans (Schutzhund training is not considered fighting humans) the better they get too.

What gets difficult is when an experienced dog goes for your legs. Most police dogs that have bitten a lot of people will learn that leg bites are more successful than arm or upper body bites.

They figure out, through experience, that the last part of the body to move are the legs. French ring dogs know this too. But most French Ring dogs would not bite a person if their life depended on it (kind of reminds me of the French government). One of my best friend's police dog broke a criminals leg when he hit him at a dead run. This dog figured out that the weight-bearing leg was the best target. He had over 200 street bites and the majority of them were leg bites.

You can make these dogs miss but you need to be quick. The older I get the slower I get. So I guess at this point I would have to go to "Plan B" (which is nasty). In Plan B, you have to let the dog bite you. You just have to suck it up and take a bite. Chewing on your lip helps, but I heard of a bad criminal who bit through his own lip when a police dog bit him because he did not want to scream and let the K9 officer know where he was hiding. They still found him - he just had a hole in his lip and several in his leg.

Of course there is always the possibility of taking the leg bite and then trying to choke the dog out - the key here is to not stop choking when the dog passes out. When dominant dogs are choked out in a fight drive they wake up and are still in fight drive. These dogs will wake up (usually pretty quickly) and if you are still there they will come after you again. So when you choke these dogs you have to finish the job (choke him until they are dead).

I can see all the PETA people here rolling their eyes, clutching their chest and saying I am worse than those dam Mink Farmers!! If you are a PETA member and it makes you feel better, I will say that there are police dogs out there that no man is going to beat. I can't tell you how many tough guys have shot their mouth off about being able to beat a police dog with his bare hands only to cry like a baby when the dog bites him in his arm pit or upper inner thigh.

My grandmother once told me a very important statistic. That is: "you have 20 times more chance of being hit by lightning than being attacked by a trained dog." Grandma was always great with statistics and making chocolate chip cookies. I cannot say that you would have the same odds with nervous dogs and irresponsible owners that allow them to run free.

I get asked about Schultz dogs (sport dogs) all the time and the truth is that the vast majority of Schutzhund dogs will never bite a person without a sleeve on. Sport dogs require weeks of additional training to convert them to police service dogs.

Sport dog training is actually good for dogs. It helps them relieve the stress in their lives (similar to us going out to play a game of racquetball). The training also teaches them when they can and

cannot bite. Now there are always exceptions to this rule, like the lady I testified against in Kansas, her male Rot (the pack leader) was Schutzhund trained.

I have talked with friends about what the lady from San Francisco could have done to prevent her death when she was attacked by the Presa Canario. In my opinion there is probably nothing she could have done to save herself. These dogs had already had confrontations with her in the past and therefore they knew that she was afraid of them. So the option of facing them off was not there. The woman only weighed 110 pounds and the male dog (if my memory is correct) outweighed her by 50 pounds. She was attacked in the hall of her apartment and did not have any place to get away from the dog. I am not even sure if pepper gas would have stopped this dog. The only thing that may have worked would have been to drop to the ground, curl up in a ball with your hands clasped behind your neck and your arms and elbows protecting your neck and throat. Not many people can keep their wits about them when they are being bitten this badly. They go into flight mode and try and get away. I was pleased to see the owners of these dogs were also sent to prison to spend some time with their drug dealing friends.

If anyone that is reading this article lives in a similar environment (near aggressive dogs) you should always carry pepper gas and a walking stick. In fact, if you have to walk by a house or apartment with aggressive dogs, get it out and have it in your hand. If an attack comes you will not have time to fish around in your purse or pocket.

What To Do If You or Your Pet is Attacked by Stray Dogs

I get a lot of emails from pet owners who are out walking their dogs when stray dogs come out of no-where and attack their dog. This is NOT AN UNCOMMON OCCURANCE!

When this happens the pet owner needs to be assertive. Sometimes (not always) if you are lucky, simply taking a step foreword and screaming no at the dog in a confident tone of voice will turn the stray around.

More often than not the strays will come in to either attack or to posture over your dog. If your dog is at all annoyed by this, the stray will attack to show his dominance.

This is where the owner needs to be prepared. He or she should have a stout walking stick along with pepper gas or both. If a dog will not back off with verbal threats then its time to get cracked right between the ears. The harder the better.

I continue to hit a dog until it backs off. If that means 3 hits or 10 hits. I will not allow a stray dog to hurt or kill my dog. As a pack animal your dog expects you as the pack leader to protect him. So hang in there and whack the snot out of the stray. If the owner of the other dog is there - don't allow this to intimidate you. If they don't jump right in to pull their dog off - then whale on their dog.

When the aggressor finally comes off - get your pepper spray out. If the dog does not turn and leave. Spray the dog right in the nose. Empty the can on the dog. Pepper spray will not always have the same effect on dogs that it does on humans, but it does give them all something to think about other than trying to kill your dog.

Is unarmed defense from attack dogs taught in any of the traditional martial arts, or to special forces personnel? I'm not talking about fending off ill-tempered house pets through body language, but somehow stopping a trained and determined attack dog without the use of a weapon.

I don't see how any unarmed human could stand up to even one dog...

But weren't there Roman gladiators who specialized in fighting dangerous animals with their bare hands? If I remember correctly, the technique was to let the animal close distance, and then "feed" it one of your hands. If you can stay on your feet, the next step is to grab the back of its neck with your free hand, and proceed to shove the hand that's in its mouth all the way down its throat, and suffocate it.

Supposedly, men were able to kill full-grown lions in this manner...?

I also recall reading somewhere that Mossad agents were taught a similar technique for dealing with attack dogs. That account included a suspiciously ludicrous embellishment, however - supposedly, rather than waiting for the animal to suffocate, the agent - whose arm is buried to the elbow in the dog's throat - forcefully drops his elbow and raises his wrist, snapping his forearm to the perpendicular and breaking the dog's neck...

Yeah, right... Or not?

What's the Straight Dope?

Whack-a-Mole

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A human should be able to kill a single large dog in most cases.

The human needs to come to terms with the fact that they will get hurt.

Ideally proffer an arm to the dog and let it clamp down on that. With your other hand kill the dog (grab its trachea and squeeze as hard as you can, poke its eyes out, break its arm/wrist and so on). Make no mistake where the dog bit you is going to be messed up. Puncture wounds, maybe shredded skin, maybe broken bones but better than being dead.

This is not to say a dog can't be very dangerous and that they can't kill a human. They certainly can. But if we did a series of Thunderdome tests where two enter and one leaves my money is on the human most times.

I suppose if you get a truly massive dog like a Mastiff things might be different.

In the wild remember dogs/wolves are pack hunters. A group of dogs will mess you up.

Dogs also have some distinct weak spots. If you can grab the forearms of the dog pull them sideways from the dog's body. They do not go that way and you'll dislocate both of their shoulders. Fight over, dog won't be going anywhere after that.

I also saw a small woman at the dog park stop a dog attacking her dog by grabbing him by the hindlegs and lifting its rear end off the ground. The dog was not pleased by this and clearly wanted to turn on her but was utterly foiled. It was helpless. Of course you have to let go sooner or later but I was surprised at how well that worked.

I have never seen a martial art offer training to ward off animals but perhaps it exists.

With the dog attacking him, what happened next is amazing. Pardue was able to drag the dog all the way down the street and to his house."

"I thought he was going to take that finger off," said Pardue. "I was going to try and grab him by his jaws, but his jaws were so big and powerful, I couldn't pull my hand out of his mouth. So the only thing I could do was hit him in the ribs as hard as possible and it popped his mouth open. Then I pulled my hand out and got him by the collar."

Pardue says even though he had the dog by the collar, it was spinning around, trying to bite him again. With no way to call for help, Pardue dragged the dog to his back door.

"I just had him like this and had him by the collar and head and you know, flipped him around here and held him and banged on the door," said Pardue.

Pardue's wife called 911. By the time authorities arrived, the dog was dead. Pardue had choked the dog. Police say the dog's owner thought the animal was in the back yard.

Big springer spaniel -v- my hand.

The dog was a rescue dog, who always snarled/growled

i.e. he was an unhappy dog - even with himself.

In 30 years of keeping dogs, we never had one like that spaniel.

My 2 year old daughter was playing with a 'cuddly toy' bear about 9 inches high.

The dog had been chewing it earlier, and decided that he was going to have it back.

He lunged at my daughters face, but seeing what was going to happen,

I got between them, and my hand got between his teeth,

and he didn't let go, he just hung on, and I could feel the fingers parting!

With my free hand, I grabbed his throat, and squeezed, and lifted him off the ground, pushing the hand further into his mouth

to try and get a gag reflex, and get my fingers back.

The dog past-out still gripping my hand - about 1 minute had past, although it felt a lot longer.

When he flopped, I got my hand back, and he got thrown out of the house - literally.

By the time he came round, I was on the way to A&E to get washed and stitched. Daughter was fine but scared and crying, If I had snatched my hand away, I think my fingers would have been swallowed instead of crushed and cut.

So, based on that experience, I would wrap and 'sacrifice' one arm, pushing it into the dogs mouth, forcing its mouth open wider than it wanted , and choke, and if possible knee and try to land on the dog to damage its ribs, poke its eyes, similar to attacking a human attacking me.

When I saw choke, I mean close your hand to close everything off with intention that it doesn't ever wake up.

MANY moon ago, I was attacked by two Dobermans, while erecting a building on a piece of land in the country. The owner of the land/building had told us on day 1 that he had two professionally trained Dobermans to protect his wife and daughter as he was gone often. He also suggested that if EVER the dogs were out of the main house (by accident) we should just leave the premises.

Like so many construction projects, our electrical power was a T pole (4X 4 post, with an exterior rated breaker box) and our demand for power using big saws and other power equipment often stressed the breakers and the power went out. Being a young guy at the age of 19 - 20, I was generally elected to walk the distance to go and reset the breakers.

At an outage, the foreman yelled for me to go reset the breakers, so I dropped my toolbelt (leaving me without my trusty hammer) and headed towards the T pole. After attempting reset a few times I finally got the breakers to hold, and as I turned around I saw two Dobermans racing downhill my direction. I remembered clearly what the owner had said,,,,," they were trained killers". I also was raised on a homestead that raised dogs on a professional basis, and had been taught by my father,,,,,"be smarter than the dog, you are in charge". I had no fear.

The first Doberman jumped up towards my throat,,,,,, as he did I "fouled off" with my left arm, which jammed my left wrist into his jaws. Somehow,,,my right hand grabbed the lower jaw, and wrestled free, at which point,,,upper and lower jaws were both in my hands. I know it sounds bad,,,but jaws were separated. The entire scenario took only a few seconds. I was stunned after wards. I remember finding the foreman with a bloody left wrist, and telling him what happened. We went back to the shop early that day,,,not knowing what else to do.

** The second Doberman never seemed to eager to get in the fight. That was a blessing I am quite certain.

The next day, the landowner thought I was going to file suit on him,,,as his wife had let the dogs out by mistake,,, and I thought he would have me locked up for killing his dog. We both shook hands, and went our ways, happy that it wasn't any worse.

*** Maybe two years ago, I had just arrived home form work. Gun in holster, and

two knives in pockets, I headed to get the mail out of the mailbox. Our neighbor has a real friendly boxer, and he was out to do his "thing" along with an adult. Suddenly, a Pit Bull (who had been running loose in our neighborhood for a week or so) appeared and headed towards the Boxer for an obvious attack. Without any further thoughts I produced a knife and headed towards the Pit Bull. He high tailed it in a BIG hurry, the other direction. My mind was prepared to cut him up like a Sunday roast. Personally,,,,,,I feel animals know JUST how you feel. They know when they are whipped. If you display fear,,,,, sense it they will,,,, be prepared to fight it out.

agree re attacking the throat, choking. That alone is not enough. You need to use your weight against them to get them off their feet and on their backs, or in a body scissors from the rear.

I owned a Doberman for twelve years that I use to roughhouse with.

Agree, have to get them pinned down, or you will just be playing tug of war with them.

given the time i would wrap my hand in my shirt or jacket, but better to sacrifice the hand, than the throat, which they will go for.

they want to protect their underside, so kicking/hitting their chest and belly should get a release from the bite, except those breeds like pits that never release i suppose. haven't dealt with any of them

if you can't choke them, you can stun them with blows to the head.

more than 1 dog and you will be in for some serious trouble.

I spent a few years getting bit for a living.

Arms look like someone played tic tac toe on them.

If you are attacked by a "big" dog, put all your fingers together, thumb in the middle and jam it as hard down the throat as possible If you can get the heel of your thumb to the hinge in his jaw, you have it. He loses leverage and you just make a fist to lock your hand in position and do as you please with him, like open your pocket knife and bleed him out.

You can also grasp the lower jaw with your other hand and disassemble it.

Choking a dog to death or incapacitation is very difficult.

Don't hit them in the head with your hand, the hand will lose.

I had an old 50 lb lab /chow mix when I got my American bulldog who now is 75 lbs and young. Both females and had many fights I had to break up. IMO the best thing is to take them off their feet by a hand under the neck and the other under their stomach . Of course its easier when the are locked up with another dog 🤪 control of the head is essential, its ingrained in them since birth .Momma dog used to grab them behind the ears and they would go limp, a good strong claw grab will work on the neck. A chock type hold and take them up off their feet and deposit them somewhere they cant get to you.

My experience regarding attitude so far has been like Slinger56's. I treat big, loose dogs like people, and decide up front how I'm going to kill them if they give me a problem.

It has worked several times, most notably in Sugarhouse Park in Salt Lake City, where I was out walking for exercise, using small dumbbell-like weights called "Heavy Hands" to increase the aerobic value.

I was passed by joggers all the time, but one jogger was running with his loose German sheppard, who for some reason decided to race ahead of his owner and come snarling up behind me and seemed about to grab my arm. I looked down at him to gauge where to smash his skull and we made eye contact. He decided to shear off and go back to his owner, who said as he passed "Don't worry, he won't bite you." To which I said, smiling, "Good, then I won't kill him." For some reason that drew a strange look from the owner.

If a dog is trying to bite, don't pull back, this just rips your flesh and plays into his instincts.

Instead violate the script by STUFFING YOUR HAND DOWN HIS THROAT.

Once your hand is deep he cannot bite (jaw is jammed open) effectively, he gags, and typically experiences something he had never dealt with before.

This also can free your other hand to choke or eye poke or strike or draw a weapon.

IF you shoot (or knife) the dog in the head, do avoid shooting yourself as well

How do you kill a dog in self defense with your bare hands?

If my child or I are ever attacked by a pit bull or other dog what is the best way to fight the dog?|||A pit bull has powerful jaws and uses them. If you have enough courage, you can use this to your advantage. Goad the dog into attacking your arm. Insead of pulling your hand away, make a flat fist and ram it down the dog's throat. Maintain enough forward pressure that the dog cannot dislodge your arm and the dog will choke to death. If the dog has something in its grasp, you can grab the windpipe and squeeze it shut. If your fingers are closed around the back of the pipe, the dog will be unable to break your grip. If that doesn't work, you might be able to force it to release its grip by closing off its nostrils.

There are other strategies to take advantage of its vulnerability when it has something in its grip--it can't defend itself without letting go. It will be crouching to protect its vital organs, but its entire spine will be vulnerable.

Learn to do a kick where you pivot forward from one foot while snapping the other straight from the hip to the heel. Connect with your heel directly on whatever part of the spine is easiest to hit with maximum force. If you can fracture or dislocate the spine at any point, the fight is over.

You don't necessarily have to fight with your bare hands. Almost every environment has weapons in it. Rocks, big sticks, garden tools. Metal garbage can lids make great shields. If you can find something to cut or stab with, the lower abdomen and the throat are the best soft spots. You can quadruple the impact of your blows with a club of any sort.. anything that is hammer-like can be aimed at the base of the skull for an instant kill.

I hope you never have to use this. I love dogs and would hate to see one hurt. But humans come first, especially children. |||Poke the eyes of any animal and they will run|||You would want to kick the dog very hard in the nose: it is their most sensitive spot. Usually, once you've done this, you wouldn't have to kill them, because they'll scoot away in pain. When a dog is running up to attack you, simply bending down as if you're about to make a field goal kick is often enough to intimidate a lot of dogs and make them hesitate. When

you kick them, make sure you go for the nose. |||The best way to disable a dog is to grab his lower jaw and push down. Whatever you do, don't let go.

It's not recommended that you get into a 1 on 1 fight with any dog especially a bull terrier, Rottweiler, doberman or German shepherd. You might be better off to carry pepper spray. |||Get a dazer. It's a tazer especially for dogs. |||It shouldn't come to that.

If you have a dangerous dog in your neighborhood, you can carry an air horn (from a boat supply place) to scare it.

If you see a dog that looks aggressive, don't look him in the eye, but don't turn your back. Look at him sideways, and back away. Usually he won't attack.

If you have a belt or something that looks like a strap, take it in your hand and wave it a little. Many aggressive dogs have been punished with a strap, and are scared of it.

If he charges you, raise your arms (to look bigger) and roar at him. This will usually stop him.

If this doesn't work or you have no time, hold something between you and the dog (purse, sweater, whatever) and roar.

Of course, the majority of serious dog bites on the street happen when you don't see

the dog coming. If you are already bitten badly, it may be hard to respond.

If a dog bites your arm and holds on, he is an attack-trained dog. Don't try to pull away but yell for help. Hopefully the owner will come, or at least somebody. An untrained dog bites wherever it can reach. (The owner will probably be anxious to settle; if your attack-trained dog attacks without justification, it's a serious matter. An attack dog is trained to go for the arm because the "intruder" may be holding a weapon.) (I was attacked by an attack dog one time; the owner was distraught, and had the dog put to sleep.)

Most dogs that bite do not hold on. If the dog is biting you, hit it hard in the face and eyes and yell loudly, until it leaves. If the dog is biting your child, yell loudly and attack the dog. If you have a stick, so much the better, but if yelling and hitting or kicking doesn't make the dog go away, attack the dog from behind and put your arm around the neck and your legs around the torso and strangle him. (I haven't tried this, but I know dogs pretty well and it's what I would do if I couldn't make the dog leave my child. I think it would work.)

Notice that I advocate a lot of yelling or roaring. A loud voice impresses a dog. Usually if two strange dogs meet on neutral ground, and if they decide to be hostile, the one with the louder bark will win without a fight. ||| If this is an immediate concern, then look into preventative measures first. Make sure you know where the dog is supposed to be and get to know the people who own the dog. If it has done anything aggressive you should an animal control place so there is a paper trail. Also, learn how to read an animal's behavior. There are usually signs that a dog is about to attack. Many mail carriers, public utility workers, people who work in neighborhoods will sometimes take a class to better learn how to defend themselves.

Keep in mind, that if it does happen, chances are that the owners could have prevented it and chose not to. This is true for pets, the owners must be willing to take responsibility for their pets' actions.

One more thing, I have a rottweiler and will always have a rottweiler. My crusade is to show people what a well behaved dog is like regardless of breed. Any dog can have an idiot owner. |||Steel yourself. Make a fist and shove your arm straight down it's throat. Could be a slight rabies risk. If it doesn't kill the dog it will incapacitate it. You might sustain abrasions. I used to be a vet's assistant & this is what the vet would instruct people to do if nothing else is available or other methods fail. Look for something big & heavy first for a weapon. But since you asked about bare hands I gave you my best shot. |||Don't worry. I will rescue you. Woof woof! |||Lay in a ball on your knees and cover your head. AND if you are with your child, do the same by covering them in your ball.

First instincts would be to kick the bone in their chest so hard! I've heard that can disable a dog. |||a swift kick will disable them then follow with a head stomp. in self defense a head stomp is always recommended to permanently disable the attacker. try to kick the dog in the throat or ribs. head shots are less likely, try not to use your hands or expose your face and throat. keep your child behind you and don't run or turn your back. most animals will run from you after a kick. |||1st don't run stand your ground dominance is key if this ever happens to you. If it's just one you can run it off by hitting it hard on the snout just above the nose. You can also jam your thumbs at the back of the dog's mouth where the jaw bones meet, with your other fingers grip it's head and neck this keeps it from closing it's jaws, thus unable to bite. From this point you can do many things to make the dog harmless or dead. This works on all K-9's |||like... punch it real hard? give it a

concussion or something, i don't know. if you're really that worried maybe you should carry a tazer or something. |||A dog does not feel pain like a human, so you have to really injure it.

The best thing is to go for the head. Eyes and nose are soft parts that cause a lot of pain. You might try choking the dog, although many dogs have a thick flap of skin on their neck to protect them.

I successfully fought off a dog by grabbing its throat in my right, and hitting repeatedly on the head with my left. (I didn't instigate the fight, I was jogging and she attacked me). This kind of tactic is usually successful, but bear in mind that you will be bit and scratched be teeth, and it will hurt like hell. |||if I tell you, someone will give me a violation of email. |||If this is a serious attack and no other way out the only defence is to jab a sharp stick into the dogs privates. Unpleasant, but in all other areas any strong, muscular dog will outclass you. A riskier tactic is to put the stick through the dog's collar and twist it to cut off its air supply - gives you more control, but you're at risk of being overpowered near the teeth. In the beginning if you feel a situation may happen, keep your hands tucked in close to your body and avoid eye contact. Dogs will normally attack because they are fearful or wound up, not for fun. |||Since you said bare hands, remember dogs have one weapon, their teeth. You have two hands (two arms) and you would have to let the dog bite onto one arm so you could use the other hand to grab its throat. A big dog can eat your fingers like pretzel sticks so stay clear with fingers. After the dog bites onto your arm, grab his throat with your free hand and lift it into the air and bring it down on its side dropping onto its ribs with your knee. This will break a rib, force the air out of its lungs and allow you to complete the choke. You will have to take a bite to get to its throat. Good luck. |||I heard the best way to kill a dog is kick them in the throat as hard as you can. If you're lucky, the dog will be growling with its tongue out and kicking straight up will make "Cujo" bite his own tongue off. |||With a pitbull, I'd probably kick it in the ribs and stomach...hard. |||choke them. why did you make an extra effort to mention pitbulls? Why not just ask how you can you defend yourself against a dog attack. |||honestly,

grab its back legs and try your hardest to lift them. if you cant get to its back legs, lay out the ground curled in a ball with your back to the air so theirs less places for him to bite you.

Your chances of killing a large dog attacking you are slim. Dogs have very good survival instincts and the breeds that are most likely to attack have far quicker reflexes than most humans.

Disregard the poster who said break the dogs neck after it clamps down on your forearm. Much easier said than done. It is hard to do much when massive tissue damage is being inflicted upon you. When large dogs clamp their jaws down on you, they start shaking their head side-to-side, which causes a lot of tissue damage, and hurts like hell. Larger dog breeds also have very strong neck muscles (it aids in the shaking of seized prey) which makes it harder to break their neck.

Chemical agents are the best way to deal with dogs.

Jul 24 at 10:8

Yes, avoid the fight at all cause. It is never good even when you win. But if you must I will say always have something on you. The spray is good. I just read that the wasp spray is better than the pepper spray for dogs. Pepper spray does not work on all dogs and you do want to find out to late. The knife, the stick and anything else that can help you create some distance are not bad ideas either. The guy that said to stand your ground is right too. Do not run; remember the dog is faster than you. If you stand your ground the dog will know that he is in for a fight and not just picking on some easy prey. This may not stop the dog but it is a good choice rather than running. Plus you will see the dog coming at you and can prepare better.

One more time avoid the problems and do not walk alone. It is more difficult for the dog to attack two or three than one.

Hope this helps.

Jul 24 at 13:54

id say choke it

Jul 24 at 18:3

This is why you should always,always,always carry a good lock-blade folding knife in your pocket.

Going barehanded against a big,angry dog that is in all-out kill mode is just insane.

Jul 24 at 22:35

kick it in the throat

Jul 25 at 3:30

Use rear n'a'k'e'd' choke or arm bar

Jul 25 at 8:48

I think it is possible to defeat a run of the mill dog in a fight. However killing it would be much more difficult. There are many ways to hurt a dog. A couple of things i can think of would be to double eye poke it. Also grab an ear and listen to them scream. Be prepared to be bitten however if you can handle that it should be possible to win. Many humans are intimidated by dogs and will run. This is the worst thing to do cause instinct says the canine will chase you and easily catch you. I have on a few occasions stood up to a dog and they have backed down. The best thing to do is avoid confrontation if possible.