Six Facts on Animal Attacks



Odds of winning the lottery: 1 in 135,145,920 (multi-state mega-millions jackpot). Lifetime odds of dying as the result of a dog attack: 1 in 115,489 (National Safety Council Odds of Dying).

- 1. Two Canadians died as a result of being bitten by mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus in 2006. In the US that same year, 177 people died from West Nile Virus.
- 2. Three fatal bear attacks occurred in 2008, two of them in Canada and one in the US.
- 3. Across the planet, there were four fatal shark attacks in 2008, two of those occurring in Mexico, one in the US and one in Australia.
- 4. An estimated 77 percent of all dog bites involve animals owned by family or friends.
- 5. About 100 people across the US die each year as a result of allergic reactions to bee or wasp stings.
- 6. An estimated 125 people worldwide die each year after being bitten by snakes.