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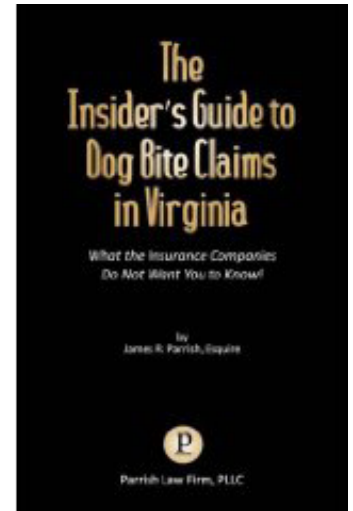
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**Jim Parrish** is a highly-regarded attorney in Virginia and a graduate of the University of Virginia, which is consistently ranked among the “Top Ten” law schools in the United States. He has a successful track record in winning personal injury cases for clients in Virginia.

Parrish was recognized as an integral member of Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year by the Fairfax Bar Association. Parrish serves on the Board of Directors for the Prince William County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), he serves as a Special Guest Lecturer to the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy (County Sheriff’s Office), and as a Judge for the University of Virginia School of Law Appellate Argument Competition.

Since 1998, Parrish has been helping accident victims receive fair compensation from settlements or verdicts against insurance companies while helping each victim get their life back on track. Parrish is the author of ***The Insider’s Guide to Dog Bite Claims in Virginia***. This comprehensive guide is a “must read” for Virginia residents who have experienced a dog attack. Parrish is also the author of ***The Virginia Car Accident Guide***.



Parrish is a resident of Gainesville, VA where he happily resides with his wife and two children. His family has owned dogs for the majority of his lifetime.

### Professional Associations and Memberships

- Member, Prince William County Bar Association
- Member, Fairfax County Bar Association
- Member, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association
- Member, American Association for Justice

### Bar Admissions

- Virginia, 1998
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Virginia, 1999
- U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit, 2000
- U.S. District Court Western District of Virginia, 2001

### Professional Accolades

- Fairfax Bar Association: Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year
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# The Insider's Guide to Dog Bite Claims in Virginia



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Disturbing Information  
About Dog Bites and Attacks

**Section 2**  
The Insurance Companies  
Hate It When...

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Selecting An Attorney

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Results of Cases Handled  
by Jim Parrish

**Special Report:** Caught in the Act!  
How The Parrish Law Firm  
Used Its "Insider Information"  
to Catch an Insurance company  
Hiding Evidence

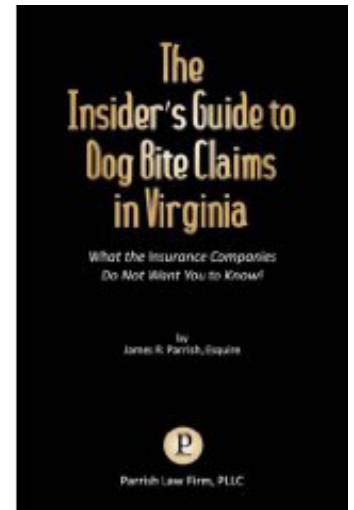
As the author of *The Insider's Guide to Dog Bite Claims in Virginia*, Jim Parrish is available to speak about dog bites and other personal injury cases in print, on the radio or on television.

In *The Insider's Guide to Dog Bite Claims in Virginia* Parrish offers solid facts to educate the public about dog bite claims, answers common questions about these claims, and teaches individuals how the insurance companies operate.

### **A True "Insider's Guide"**

With a background in insurance law, Parrish understands insurance companies. Early in his career, he defended insurance companies and worked intimately with everyone in the industry from front-line adjusters to corporate "big wigs." He lectured to insurance professionals to help them more successfully settle claims for small amounts or deny claims altogether and wrote articles for insurance/risk management companies. Parrish even graduated from the International Association of Defense Counsel trial academy.

Now serving as an attorney representing the injured, Parrish offers his wealth of "insider information" so that Virginia residents can arm themselves with the knowledge they need about dog bite cases. Because this guide is written with knowledge gained from all of Parrish's interactions, it can help individuals and families know what to expect when they decide to make a personal injury claim, the kinds of issues they are likely to encounter and what to look for in a lawyer to handle a dog bite or other personal injury case.



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## DOG BITE STATISTICS

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### **Dogs As Pets in the U.S.**

There are currently almost 75 million dogs in the USA.

***American Pet Products Manufacturers' Association***

### **Dog Bites Each Year**

Dogs bite or attack nearly 2% of the U.S. population, which translates into more than 4.7 million people every year. That means you or a family member has a one in 50 chance of being bitten by a dog every year.

***The National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*** Atlanta, GA

In 2007, there were 32 fatal dog attacks in the U.S., including 1 in Virginia.

This number is approximately 200% greater than the average over the last two decades.

### **Dangerous Breeds**

Pit Bulls, Rottweilers, Presa Canarios and their mixes are responsible for 74% of attacks as a whole and 68% of the attacks upon children.

"Pit Bulls and Rottweilers are dogs who not only must be handled with special precautions, but also must be regulated with special requirements appropriate to the risk they may pose to the public and other animals, if they are to be kept at all."

***Merritt Clifton, editor of Animal People***

### **Where Dog Bites Occur**

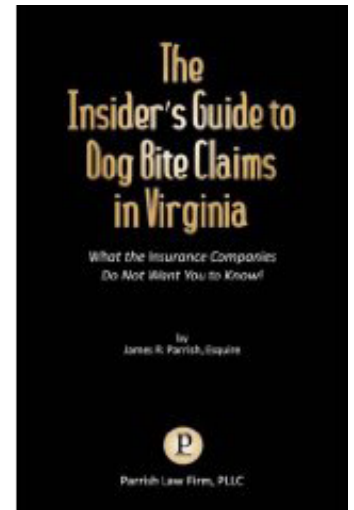
More than 50% of the dog bites occur on the dog owner's property.

***2007 Insurance Information report***

### **Dog Bite Victims**

Nearly 80% of dogs perpetrating attacks or biting people are owned or controlled by the victim's family or a friend.

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## PRESS RELEASE

# New Legal Resource For Virginia Dog Bite Victims

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Now Available Free to Virginia Residents



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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**May 20, 2009, Manassas, VA** – School-aged children across Virginia will soon be enjoying the freedom of summer vacation and more time spent outdoors. As parents look to keep their children safe, a new legal resource can educate them about a serious subject – dog bites.

A March 8 article in **U.S. News & World Report** reinforces the fact that summer is the time of year when young children are at the greatest risk for dog bites, especially to the most severe bites to the head and neck. The article reports on findings from a study published in the March issue of *Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery*.

Manassas attorney **Jim Parrish** has written a new book to help Virginia dog bite victims and other concerned citizens understand their legal rights. ***The Insider's Guide to Dog Bite Claims in Virginia*** is a resource to help dog bite victims, their families, and the general public understand the legal process and learn what the insurance companies do not want victims to know. The book is available free to Virginia residents by visiting [www.theviriniadogbitebook.com](http://www.theviriniadogbitebook.com).

### Dog Bite Facts

- According to The National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), dogs bite or attack nearly 2% of the U.S. population, which translates into more than 4.7 million people every year.
- The CDC says that approximately 60% of dog bite victims are children.
- In 2007, there were 32 fatal dog attacks in the U.S., including 1 in Virginia. This number is approximately 200% greater than the average over the last two decades.

"As a parent, I know how it feels to want to keep your children safe," Parrish says. "While we can't prevent accidents and injuries completely, as parents, we can arm ourselves with information about issues like dog bites. That's why I wrote this book – to educate the citizens of Virginia about this serious issue."

In ***The Insider's Guide to Dog Bite Claims in Virginia***, Parrish offers facts about dog bites and attacks, explains what insurance companies don't want victims to know, and gives tips for victims on selecting an attorney to represent them.

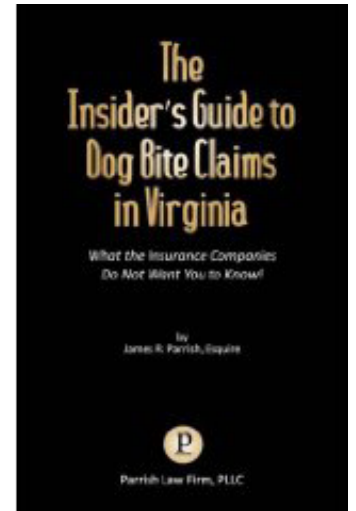
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"Jim Parrish's **The Insider's Guide to Dog Bite Claims in Virginia** is a truly comprehensive resource," says **Chris Davis**, Seattle attorney and dog bite expert. "This book is a 'must read' for every parent in Virginia, whether their child has been a dog bite victim or not. The information will help inform residents about the legal process and offer resources for finding an attorney in the event that you need one."

**The Insider's Guide to Dog Bite Claims in Virginia** is the second in a series of books Parrish is writing to educate Virginians about their rights. He is also the author of **The Virginia Car Accident Guide** which helps car accident victims understand their rights and identify an attorney to represent them in their cases.

**The Insider's Guide to Dog Bite Claims in Virginia** is published by Word Association Publishers and is available both in soft copy and as an electronic book. The book is free to Virginia residents (go to [www.thevirginiadogbitebook.com](http://www.thevirginiadogbitebook.com)) and is available to non-residents for \$16.95 via Amazon.com.

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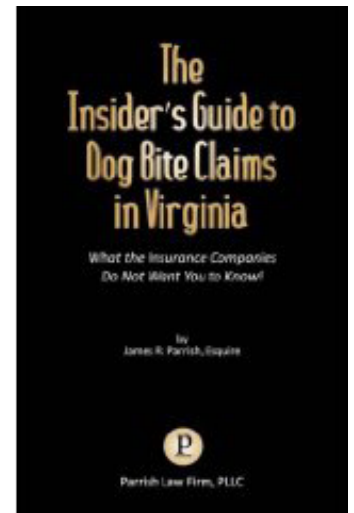
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