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### **“CHAINED, UNNEUTERED MALE DOGS” TOP GROUP’S LIST FOR MOST LIKELY TO BITE DURING DOG BITE PREVENTION WEEK, MAY 20-26**

#### **Mothers Against Dog Chaining Advises Parents NOT to Leave Children Unattended with Chained Dogs; Logs 16 Chained Dog Attacks on Children since Mid-April**

(Altoona, PA - 17 May 2007) Mothers Against Dog Chaining, an initiative of the national nonprofit organization Dogs Deserve Better, has logged 16 chained dog attacks on children since issuing a warning about spring chained dog attacks just a month ago, in Mid-April. The group attributes the annual rise in spring attacks to an increase in spring play and outdoor activity by our nation’s youth. This, coupled with a winter of pent up energy and missed socialization on the part of the dogs is a combination that proves all too often to be deadly.

The group seeks to raise awareness of the dangers of chaining a dog; during Dog Bite Prevention Week they advise all parents NOT to leave children unattended with chained dogs, especially unneutered males to keep them safe and unharmed.

Tammy Grimes, founder of Dogs Deserve Better and leader of the Mothers Against Dog Chaining initiative, explains, “Statistically, the largest bite factor come in the package of an unneutered male dog who spends his life on the end of a chain. The dog is angry, unsocialized, full of testosterone, and with easy access to children; children who don’t understand, who trust and just want to pet the dog. Why don’t communities see the danger inherent in allowing this to continue?”

Each of the 16 dog attacks I’ve catalogued since we warned about spring dog attacks last month has been an unneutered male on a chain. The largest percentage of them has been pit bulls, and so each community screams pit bull ban. But instead they need to look at the larger picture...Each of these male pits has been unneutered, unvetted, chained, and unsocialized. Pits are the most abused dog in America, and addressing the irresponsibility of pit bull owners, breeders, and fighters will be much more efficient in stopping attacks than banning the breed. Stop them from chaining and breeding dogs in backyards and we will have a much lower incidence of pit bull attacks and pit bull bans.”

From October 2003 through May 2007, there have been at least 139 children seriously injured or killed by chained dogs. Chained dogs, unsocialized with humans, can and do attack and kill small children who wander into their territory. The trend toward anti-tethering legislation continues, with currently over 100 cities, counties, and states in the nation banning or limiting chaining; California installed a 3 hour a day chaining limit in fall 2006.

For more information, to see a breakdown by month and state, view pics and mother’s testimonials, and the latest updates on attacks, please visit the website at [www.mothersagainstdogchaining.org](http://www.mothersagainstdogchaining.org).