

CALAOMS

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS

NEWS ADVISORY

DOG BITE PREVENTION WEEK MAY 19-25 REMINDS CALIFORNIANS OF IMPORTANCE OF ORAL SURGEONS

WHAT: With more than one fifth of the 4.5 million dog bites each year in the U.S. requiring medical attention, California's oral surgeons play a vital and often unnoticed role in helping Californians recover and get back to normal following dog bite incidents. May 19-25 is National Dog Bite Prevention Week and the California Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (CALAOMS) is available to discuss ways to prevent dog bites from occurring as well as ways in which oral surgeons treat dog bites when incidents do occur.

CALAOMS is prepared to identify an oral surgeon in your area that will come to your studio and share:

- Dog bite stories and how oral surgeons have helped patients recover
- Before/after images from dog bite incidents
- Tips for avoiding dog bite incidents
- Why individuals should know and have an oral surgeon

Why National Dog Bite Prevent Week is important:

- Every year, more than 800,000 Americans receive medical attention for dog bites; at least half of them are children.
- Children are the most common victims of dog bites and are far more likely to be severely injured.
- Most dog bites affecting young children occur during everyday activities and while interacting with familiar dogs.
- Senior citizens are the second most common dog bite victims.

Please contact doug@el mets.com to arrange an interview with an oral surgeon in your area.

WHEN: National Dog Bite Prevention Week
May 19-25, 2014

Oral surgeons are available for on-air interviews throughout California

WHO: *Expert local oral surgeons and members of California Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons*

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