

Pet Safety Tip

ALLIGATORS



WARNINGS



- Alligators generally live in freshwater lakes, ponds, rivers, marshes, swamps, and even man-made canals.
- There are more alligator attacks on dogs than on humans.
- Alligators can run 7-9 mph for short distances on land.

PRECAUTIONS

- Keep dogs on a leash when walking in areas of potential risk.
- Be extra vigilant during times when alligators feed (sunrise, sunset, night).
- Do not allow dogs to swim or explore waters known to have alligators.
- Small dogs tend to be at higher risk for bites/attacks (viewed as prey).
- Keep dogs away from shorelines (alligators may lunge).



ACTIONS

Seek veterinary care *immediately* if your pet is injured by an alligator.



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