

NEW LAW TAKES EFFECT JULY 1, 2025

THE PAM ROCK ACT – H.B. 593



PROTECT YOUR NEIGHBORS – Know the NEW Dangerous Dogs Law and Take Action

USPS Letter carrier **Pam Rock** lost her life in a 5-dog attack while she was delivering mail. 8-year-old Michael Miller was riding his bicycle in his neighborhood, and was attacked and killed by a dangerous dog. **Florida passed a new law** to hold negligent dog owners accountable and protect the public.

Effective July 1, 2025, the **Pam Rock Act**, is now adopted into FL Statute #767, Dangerous Dogs.

- **Immediate Mandatory Impoundment** by Animal Control while they investigate dogs suspected of Dangerous Behavior:
 - Aggressively bitten, attacked, endangered or inflicted severe injury on a person
 - Severely injured or killed a domestic animal more than once
 - Has, when unprovoked, chased or approached in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, provided such actions are attested to in a sworn statement
- **Dog owners must carry at least \$100,000 in liability insurance and the dog be microchipped as a “Dangerous Dog”** if their dog has been determined Dangerous by Animal Control Officer investigation and adjudication
- **Dangerous Dogs must be spayed or neutered**, and **secured in a proper enclosure**, and must be **muzzled and leashed** outside the secure enclosure. Signs must be posted
- **Dangerous Dog owners must advise any new owner or shelter of his dog’s designation.**

WHY IT MATTERS

- Over **5,400** USPS postal workers were attacked by dogs in 2021.
- Florida ranked in the **Top 10** states for dog bites, with **201 cases** reported last year.
- Dog attacks can be fatal — **Pam and Michel’s stories** are tragic reminder of what’s at stake.

BE VIGILANT. TAKE ACTION.

If you witness or experience a dangerous dog attack:

- **Report** it to your Local Sheriff’s Department and Contact County Animal Control
 - **Provide details:** location, dog description, time, and behavior
 - Be prepare to **complete a sworn written affidavit** to the investigation authorities.

Your report can help prevent tragedy and save lives.

SPEAK UP. STAY ALERT. STAY SAFE.