

**347.56 DESTRUCTION OF DOG IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.**

Subdivision 1. **Circumstances.** Notwithstanding sections 347.51 to 347.55, a dog may be destroyed in a proper and humane manner by the animal control authority if the dog:

- (1) inflicted substantial or great bodily harm on a human on public or private property without provocation;
- (2) inflicted multiple bites on a human on public or private property without provocation;
- (3) bit multiple human victims on public or private property in the same attack without provocation; or
- (4) bit a human on public or private property without provocation in an attack where more than one dog participated in the attack.

Subd. 2. **Hearing.** The animal control authority may not destroy the dog until the dog owner has had the opportunity for a hearing before an impartial decision maker. The definitions in section 347.50 and the exemptions under section 347.51, subdivision 5, apply to this section.

**History:** *1Sp2001 c 8 art 8 s 22; 2008 c 325 s 15*