



THE NUMBERS ONLY TELL PART OF THE STORY



1 WALK

Holly and her owner took a routine walk in a Howard County public park



2 DOGS

Viciously attacked Holly, causing catastrophic injuries



3 DAYS

Emergency treatment, surgery, and intensive care in an effort to save her life



\$42,000+

Veterinary expenses incurred



1 PREVENTABLE LOSS

Holly did not survive

**Holly's story is documented.
The full scope of severe and fatal
dog attacks in Maryland is not.**

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Catastrophic dog attacks can leave victims facing overwhelming emotional, physical, and financial consequences in a matter of hours. Veterinary medicine advances, emergency treatment, and specialty care costs continue to rise, often reaching tens of thousands of dollars during severe attacks. At the same time, Maryland lacks centralized statewide reporting of severe and fatal dog attacks, leaving policymakers and public safety officials without the comprehensive data needed to identify trends, evaluate risk factors, and measure the effectiveness of existing laws.

TWO QUESTIONS WORTH EXPLORING

1 Compensation

Do current compensation frameworks adequately address catastrophic multi-dog attacks?

Multi-dog attacks frequently result in greater injuries, higher veterinary costs, increased trauma, and more complex liability issues than single-dog incidents, yet compensation limits remain unchanged regardless of how many dogs participate in the attack.

2 Tracking

Why doesn't Maryland maintain centralized statewide reporting of severe and fatal dog attacks? Without reliable statewide data, policymakers, public safety officials, and communities lack information needed to understand the scope of these incidents and evaluate potential solutions.



LOOKING TOWARD THE 2027 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Holly's Law seeks to encourage
thoughtful discussion regarding:

- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Public Safety
- ✓ Victim Protection
- ✓ Statewide Data Collection
- ✓ Practical Legislative Reform

CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION



The goal of Holly's Law is not to prescribe a single solution, but to encourage constructive dialogue about how Maryland can better address the challenges that arise following catastrophic dog attacks. I welcome the opportunity to continue this discussion and hear your thoughts, questions, and perspective. A more detailed Holly's Law proposal is available upon request.



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