

Table 2 Characteristics of the animal bite according to place of residence, Maku County, Islamic Republic of Iran, 2003–2012

Characteristic	Total		Rural		Urban		<i>P</i> -value <sup>1</sup>
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b><i>Animal type</i></b>							< 0.001
Dog	2072	92.8	1558	96.5	514	83.2	
Cat	125	5.6	41	2.6	84	13.6	
Other	35	1.6	15	0.9	20	3.2	
<b><i>Season</i></b>							0.41
Spring	602	27.0	439	27.2	163	26.4	
Summer	652	29.2	465	28.8	187	30.4	
Autumn	435	19.5	305	18.9	130	21.0	
Winter	543	24.3	405	25.1	138	22.3	
<b><i>Injury site</i></b>							0.02
Head and neck	67	3.1	50	3.2	17	2.8	
Pelvis, abdomen	231	10.8	185	12.0	46	7.6	
Shoulder, upper limbs	387	18.1	217	14.2	170	28.2	
Lower limbs	1457	68.0	1087	70.6	370	61.4	
<b><i>Post-exposure treatment delay</i></b>							< 0.001
Immediate	1616	72.6	1141	70.9	475	77.0	
1 day	338	15.2	258	16.0	80	13.0	
2 days	154	6.9	115	7.2	39	6.3	
≥ 3 days	118	5.2	95	5.9	23	3.7	

<sup>1</sup>Chi-squared test.

Some data were missing for injury site and post-exposure treatment time.