

MAKING THE CASE

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Selected Illinois Verdicts and Settlements Involving Animals That Obstructed or Collided with the Plaintiffs, Resulting in Injuries

\$300,000
Settlement (Will County)

M-66 was bicycling on a recreational path when, allegedly, defendants' dog ran in front of him and caused him to fall. He suffered herniated discs that required a three-level discectomy and fusion.

Defense Verdict
(Cook County)

F-30 was at defendants' home when their 13-year-old arthritic dog plopped itself down on/near plaintiff's foot. Plaintiff tripped over the dog and fractured her fibula (ORIF). The defense argued no violation of the Animal Control Act had occurred.

\$180,000
Settlement (Jefferson County)

Plaintiff's vehicle collided with defendant's stray steers on the road at night. Plaintiff M-41 sustained a TFCC tear in his wrist which, despite surgery, allegedly caused permanent loss of hand/wrist strength.

\$175,000
Verdict (Madison County)

Plaintiff was driving on Route 159 when he swerved to avoid striking a horse in the roadway. Plaintiff M-26 suffered a SLAP tear when he turned the steering wheel. Defendants insisted they used due care to contain their horses.

Your Turn

Guess The Correct Settlement Amount

(Cook County) F-47 was bicycling along the lakefront path when defendants' unleashed dog ran out in front, causing her to brake sharply and fly over the handlebars. Plaintiff suffered only a concussion and a cervical bulge (unoperated), but could not walk, talk, or use her arms post-accident. Eventually, a doctor diagnosed plaintiff with conversion disorder, which he related to the accident.

1 \$135,000

2 \$290,000

3 \$525,000

4 \$725,000

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