

Safety with dogs



Why do dogs bite?

- ❑ We speak a different language.
- ❑ Dogs learn to speak our language, so we need to learn to speak theirs.
- ❑ What is a dog's "language?"



Body Language



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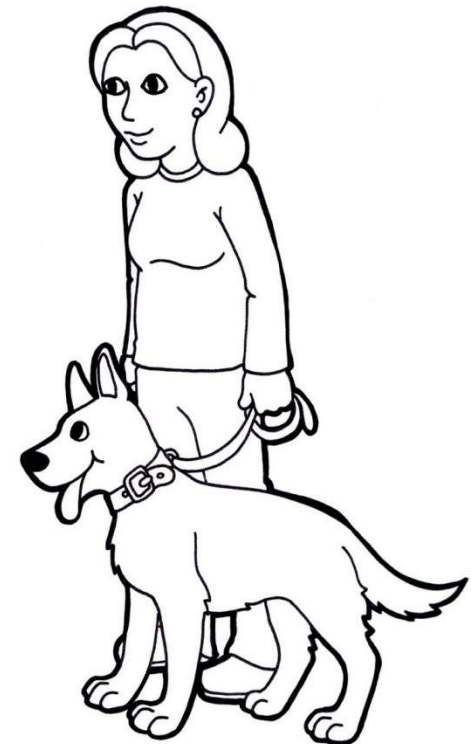


How to Greet a Dog

- ❑ Approach dogs slowly when adults are present.
- ❑ Ask the owner, “Is your dog friendly?”
- ❑ Then ask, “May I pet your dog?”
- ❑ Don’t be upset if someone asks you not to pet their dog!

Ask the owner.

May I pet your dog?



How to Greet a Dog

- ❑ Gently offer your hand to the dog. Do not reach over the dog's head or stretch to touch him.
- ❑ Let the dog come to you. Allow them time to sniff, it's how they get to know you!



- ❑ If the dog is relaxed, pet or scratch under the dog's head and on the dog's shoulders or chest.

Petting a Dog!



- ❑ Let the dog decide how much petting or scratching happens and where they want to be touched.

- ❑ Never grab a dog's head or try to hug him around his neck. It feels more like a headlock than a hug!



- ❑ Most importantly, be GENTLE!

Never Ever...



- ❑ Approach a dog behind a fence....



- ❑ Approach a dog in a car....

- ❑ Approach a dog who has been tied up...



...even if they are dogs you know!

Never Ever...



- ❑ Interrupt a dog while he's eating or chewing a bone.



- ❑ Follow or chase a dog under a bed, table, or into a corner.



- ❑ Wake a sleeping dog.

If a strange dog approaches...

Don't :

- Run
- Scream
- Look the dog in the eye

Do:

- Stand perfectly still
- Keep your arms and legs against your body
- Wait until he leaves

BE A TREE!



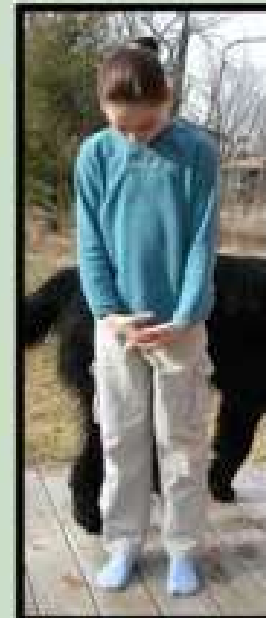
Be a tree



Stop



**Fold in your
branches**



**Watch your roots
grow and count
in your head**

Any Questions?



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