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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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!
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!
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Stop

Fold in your branches

Watch your roots grow and count in your head
Any Questions?