

Hey, Kids!

To prevent being bitten by a dog, be sure to follow these dos and don'ts.



Don't tease dogs by pretending to take their toys or treats, or pretending to hit or kick them.

Don't bother a dog when he is eating, sleeping, or in his crate.



Don't pull a dog's tail or ears or climb or ride on a dog.



Do offer the pet your hand to sniff and pet his side or chest rather than his head.

Do stay away from loose, unsupervised dogs that are wandering around.



Do ask for permission to pet a dog who is with his owner, before reaching to touch it.



Parents, here are some tips for teaching kids how to respect dogs and avoid a bite.

- Be sure to supervise young children around dogs.
- Emphasize gentle behavior and that dogs have their own likes and dislikes.
- Keep dogs out of the rooms of infants and young children, unless there is constant supervision.
- Report stray dogs in the neighborhood.
- Teach children to calmly and quietly walk away if approached by an aggressive dog.
- Practice how to "be a tree" if an aggressive dog approaches.

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