

KIDS!

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO STAY SAFE IF YOU SEE A STRANGE DOG?

FREEZE! WHEN YOU SEE A DOG THAT YOU DON'T KNOW COMING CLOSE, THE BEST THING TO DO IS TO STAND VERY STILL, LIKE A TREE, AND TRY NOT TO LOOK. IF YOU CAN DO THAT, THE STRANGE DOG SHOULD LEAVE YOU ALONE. ONCE HE LEAVES, MOVE AWAY SLOWLY AND GO ASK A GROWN UP FOR HELP.

PARENTS:

PLAYING GAMES LIKE "BE A TREE!" TO TEACH YOUR KIDS ABOUT DOG SAFETY CAN HELP TO PREVENT DOG BITES!

LET'S PLAY A GAME!

HOW TO PLAY THE BE A TREE GAME:

DOGS GET EXCITED BY NOISE AND MOVEMENT. STAY SAFE! TEACH YOUR KIDS TO BE QUIET AND STILL BY PLAYING THIS GAME. PRACTICE A LOT! THIS IS HELPFUL FOR STRANGE OR FRIENDLY DOGS.

HOW TO PLAY:

1. FREEZE!
2. BRANCHES DOWN (ARMS TO YOUR SIDE).
3. WHERE ARE YOUR ROOTS? (WATCH THE GROUND).
4. TRY TO BE STILL AND RELAX UNTIL HELP COMES OR THE DOG LEAVES.

DOGS HAVE A TENDENCY TO LOSE INTEREST THE MORE "BORING" OUR CHILDREN ARE. REMEMBER, TEACH THEM TO BE STILL, BE QUIET, AND DON'T LOOK. THIS CAN HELP GET DOGS TO LEAVE OUR CHILDREN ALONE.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT DOGS LIKE AND WHAT THEY DO NOT LIKE?

DOGS LIKE WHEN WE...



STAND STILL



STAY QUIET



MOVE SLOWLY

DOGS DO NOT LIKE WHEN WE...



RUN AT THEM



SHOUT AT THEM



HANG ON THEM

MATCH THE DOG ANSWERS:

I'M NOT HAPPY

LET'S PLAY!

I'M HAPPY

I'M SCARED



FILL IN THE BLANK ANSWERS:

1. PERMISSION
2. STILL
3. COMFORTABLE
4. AWAY

LOOK
IT'S A DOG!

BITE PREVENTION BROCHURE

FOR K9 PARENTS AND KIDS



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HOW DO YOU KNOW IF A DOG IS FRIENDLY?

IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO LEARN BASIC DOG BODY LANGUAGE. ASK YOUR PARENTS FOR HELP WITH FINDING PICTURES OR VIDEOS OF DOG BODY LANGUAGE. JUST A LITTLE TIME DOING THIS CAN KEEP THINGS SAFE IF YOU EVER MEET A DOG.

LET'S PLAY A GAME!

MATCH EACH DOG. WHICH DOG IS SAYING:

I'M HAPPY

?



LET'S PLAY!

?



I'M SCARED

?



I'M NOT HAPPY

?



PARENTS:

TAKING THE TIME TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN THEY SEE A DOG CAN DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THE CHANCE OF AN ACCIDENT HAPPENING.

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HOW DO YOU MEET A DOG?

- 1 CHECK! IS THERE SOMEONE WITH THE DOG? ALWAYS GET THE HUMAN'S ATTENTION FIRST, TO ASK IF IT IS OK SAY HI TO THEIR DOG.
- 2 IF YOU GET THE OK TO SAY HI, INSTEAD OF MOVING TOWARD THE DOG, BE SURE TO LET THE DOG COME ALL THE WAY TO YOU.
- 3 REMEMBER, DOGS CAN BE SENSITIVE TO NOISY THINGS AND MOVING THINGS. IF THE DOG LOOKS RELAXED (WITH A GROWN UP HELPING) TRY TO MOVE SLOWLY, TALK QUIETLY, AND TOUCH SOFTLY.

PARENTS:

TEACHING YOUR KIDS ABOUT BOUNDARIES WITH DOGS AND HOW TO RESPECT THEIR PERSONAL SPACE (AS WELL AS TEACHING YOUR DOGS TO RESPECT YOUR KIDS' PERSONAL SPACE) IS THE BEST WAY TO AVOID INJURIES.

LET'S PLAY A GAME!

USE THE WORD BANK TO FILL IN THE BLANK:

STILL AWAY PERMISSION COMFORTABLE

1. ASK FOR _____ BEFORE TRYING TO REACH FOR OR SAY HI TO A DOG.
2. IF THE ANSWER IS YES, STAND _____ WHILE THE DOG SNIFFS YOU.
3. IF THE DOG LOOKS _____ , STAY QUIET AND PET GENTLY.
4. ALLOW THE DOG TO MOVE _____ FROM YOU WHEN HE IS DONE GREETING.

PARENT RESOURCES

VISIT THESE WEBSITES FOR MORE HELPFUL TIPS!

WWW.STOPTHE77.COM

WATCH SOME EXCELLENT VIDEOS EXPLORING COMMON ISSUES BETWEEN DOGS AND KIDS.

WWW.DOGGONESAFE.COM

BROWSE THE BITE PREVENTION SECTION FOR DETAILS ON WHY DOGS BITE AND PHOTO EXAMPLES OF DOG BODY LANGUAGE.

WWW.HEALTHYCHILDREN.ORG

CHECK OUT THE SAFETY AND PREVENTION SECTION FOR IN DEPTH INFORMATION ON DOG SAFETY.

WWW.AVMA.ORG

SEARCH THE PUBLIC RESOURCES SECTION FOR GREAT INFO ON RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP AND BITE PREVENTION.



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