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Child Safety

Prevent Dog Bites



Most dogs are friendly and enjoy meeting new people, but even a friendly dog can bite sometimes.

When people are bitten, it is usually by a dog that they know.

Many times the bite is accidental, but sometimes a dog may bite on purpose because it is scared or mad.

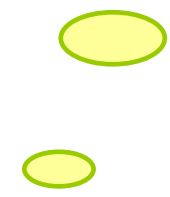
Some dogs bite to protect things like their food, favourite toys, or because you are on their property.

It's important that you know how to act around dogs so that you won't get bitten.

Remember . . .

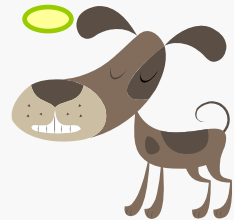
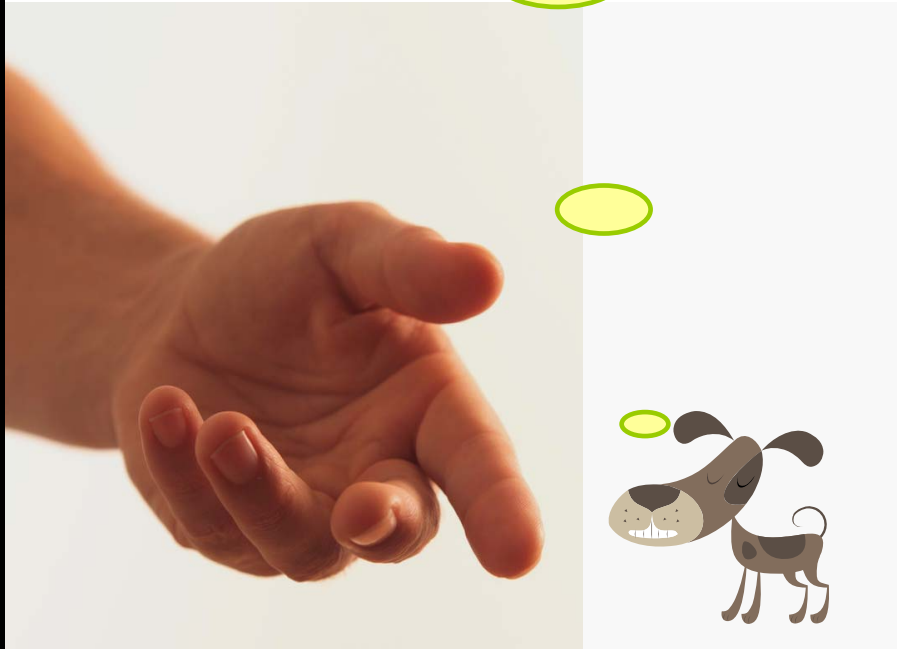


Remember - if you treat me right, I can be a good friend!

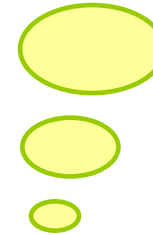




If it's ok to pet me, always hold your hand out first and let me sniff it. This way I will get to know you first.



Never make loud noises around me or run from me. I might try to catch you. This can be very dangerous, because I could hurt you and not mean to.



Never play roughly with me. I can get too excited.
If I am caring for my babies, please leave me alone.



Always ask for permission from my owner before petting me.





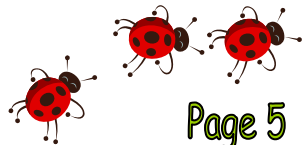
Please NEVER
EVER tease me, or
pull my ears or tail!



Watch out for my body
language. If I am barking,
growling, showing teeth, or
my ears are up, be aware.



Please don't bother
me when I am
eating!



Make sure you do not try
to comfort me if I am
frightened or injured. Tell an
adult you trust who will know
how to help me.

