

- Never run up to a dog, even one you know.
- Never scream or run around a dog, even your own.
- Approach dogs from the side or front - do not sneak up on a dog from behind or while the dog is sleeping or eating.
- Never approach a dog without adult supervision - even if the dog belongs to a friend or neighbor.
- Always let the dog sniff you first and do not stare him in the eye, some dogs may be threatened by this.
- Pat a dog under the chin or on the chest. Some dogs may get nervous if you touch the top of their head.
- If approached by a dog, stand still. If you are on a bike, stop, put the bike down and stand still. Never run or ride away!
- Never approach a dog that is acting afraid or one that is growling or showing teeth - even if the owner is there.
- Never hang over fences or put your hands through fence openings to touch a dog, even one you know.
- Leave a mother and pups alone - she may become protective!
- Avoid rough games such as tug-of-war, jumping up for toys/food, wrestling and chase.
- Never tease or hit a dog or pull ears, tail or feet.
- Always inform an adult if you see a loose dog.
- Never run away from a dog - it can encourage a chase.
- If a dog threatens you, avoid eye contact, hold a rolled up jacket or book bag in front of you and back away slowly. Do not scream or run. The dog could chase you.
- If a dog attacks, roll up like a ball and put your hands behind your neck.