



KIDZ”n”DOGS SAFETY TIP SHEET

1. Young children should never approach a dog without a grown-up's supervision.
2. Never attempt to grab at a dog or pull on its tail, ears, or any other body part.
3. Never try to touch a dog through a fence, bang on a fence with a dog behind it, or throw things at a dog behind or fence or otherwise try to aggravate a dog behind a fence.
4. Never approach a dog that is in the process of guarding or protecting its property.
5. Never approach a dog that appears to be sick or injured in any way. Ask an adult to check on the dog.
6. Never try to touch a dog that is eating or that has a bone, treat, or toy of some sort.
7. Never attempt to hurt any animal in any way, including pulling its ears, tail or fur. Besides the fact that it is not nice, the animal might get “mad” and severely injure you.
8. Never make loud noises or sudden moves when approaching a dog.
9. Never run up to a dog.
10. Keep your face as far away as possible from the dog's, especially when approaching or playing with it.
11. Never touch a dog that is growling, showing his teeth, or barking.
12. If a dog is leashed, ask the owner’s permission to pet the dog before doing so.
13. Always hold your hand out first, in a fist, fingers down, and allow the dog to sniff your hand before attempting to pet it.
14. Avoid eye contact with a dog that seems aggressive, and never stare into, touch, or try to touch, a dog’s eyes.
15. Never run or attempt to ride a bike away from a dog, if you think it wants to chase you. Either could encourage the dog to chase, and possibly even attack, you. Instead, back away slowly and quietly.