

Prevent Dog Bites: Do's and Don'ts

Do...

When it comes to preventing dog bites, teach your children to **always**:



Ask permission from parents and dog owners, before greeting a dog.



Invite dogs into your space instead of going into theirs.



Learn what dogs are saying and respect their feelings.



Pet/stroke gently with one hand, collar to tail.



Give a dog space if it's eating, chewing or resting.



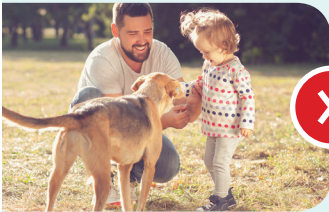
For parents - be sure to educate your children at a level they understand when it comes to reading a dog's behavior.



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Don't...

When it comes to preventing dog bites, teach your children to **never**:



Approach a dog without asking parents and dog owners first.



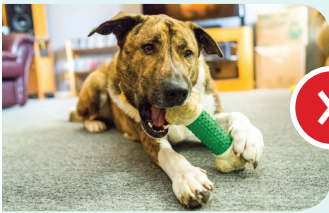
Invade a dog's space such as kissing, hugging or getting in a dog's face.



Pet dogs on the head, pull on their ears or tail, climb or sit on them, or drag them around.



Ignore what a dog is saying and make dogs do things they don't want to.



Pet or tease a dog when it's eating, chewing or resting.



For parents - Don't let a dog interact with infants or young children without direct and constant supervision.