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Protection against dog bites



As we start the New Year we realize many people received puppies as Christmas presents, there are also many new learners walking to school meeting new dogs along the way.

We want you to teach your children to have safe interactions with dogs.

Understanding the dog's language



SUSPICIOUS



THREATENED



"I'M YOUR LOVEBUG"
belly-rub pose



The Danger Signs

- Tensed body
- Stiff tail
- Pulled back ears
- Backing away
- Growling
- Snapping
- Intense stare
- Raised Fur



What not to do

- Run away from dog
- Scream and shout
- Make eye contact

What to do

- Keep hands at side
- Stand very still

What to do if you are bitten

- Don't pull away from the dog
- Hold still
- If you fall, roll into a ball by tucking your arms and legs in
- Wash wound with soap and water for 15 minutes
- Take the injured person to your closest Emergency Department for further consultation and management.

WANT A FRIEND? BE A FRIEND!
THE GUIDE TO PET CARE AND BITE PREVENTION



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Important Emergency Numbers

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