

Never Think Your Dog Won't Bite— ALL DOGS BITE! (And So Do Cats!!)



Tips To Prevent Bites

- 🐕 NEVER leave a small child or baby alone with any animal.
- 🐕 Teach young children safety rules for pets.
- 🐕 Never go up to a strange dog, especially if he's chained or fenced.
- 🐕 Never disturb a pet that is sleeping, eating, or has new babies.
- 🐕 Never run from a dog.
- 🐕 Never pet or pick up ANY injured animal. Get help.
- 🐕 Never tease a dog or cat.



Signs A Dog Might Bite

- 🐕 The dog may stand stiff and still with his hair on end.
- 🐕 The dog's tail may also be stiff and up in the air.
- 🐕 The dog may growl, snarl or show its teeth.
- 🐕 Some dogs may not show signs.

If You Think You Are Going To Be Attacked:

- 🐕 Stay calm, don't scream or run.
- 🐕 Don't turn your back on the dog.
- 🐕 Don't stare the dog in the eyes.
- 🐕 If you speak, speak calmly and firmly.
- 🐕 Stay still until it leaves, then back slowly away.
- 🐕 If the dog comes up to sniff you, let it.
- 🐕 If it does attack, 'feed' it your coat, purse, backpack to distract it.
- 🐕 If you fall or are knocked down, curl into a ball and protect your face, head, neck.



If You Should Get Bitten:

- 🐕 Report it to the police or sheriff.
- 🐕 Get medical treatment.
- 🐕 Give all information about the animal to the officer and doctor.

If Your Pet Bites Someone:

- 🐾 Restrain the animal immediately.
- 🐾 If you no longer want the animal, do NOT get rid of it until you are told you may do so.
- 🐾 Be cooperative with the police and others you may deal with during the investigation.

A Word About Cats

Cats may not give much, if any, warning before biting.

Some things to look for:

- 🐾 Tension
- 🐾 Eyes squinting
- 🐾 Ears tight against head
- 🐾 Leaning away



Be A Responsible Pet Owner:

- 🐾 Do not allow your pet to roam, even if you do not live in town.
- 🐾 Aggressive dogs are not a wise choice, especially if you have children.
- 🐾 Do not encourage your dog to become aggressive.
- 🐾 Never try to break up a fight.
- 🐾 Spay or neuter your pet(s). This not only prevents unwanted puppies/kittens, but also prevents aggression and the need to roam.
- 🐾 Make sure your pet(s) have been vaccinated for rabies. Under Oklahoma law, this MUST be done by a veterinarian.



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