



Dog Bite Statistics

- ◆ There are almost 5 million bite victims in the U.S. each year
- ◆ Most bite victims are children
- ◆ 5 to 9 year-old boys are the most likely victims
- ◆ 77% of bite victims are bitten on the face
- ◆ ANY dog may bite - biting is not breed specific
- ◆ 61% of dog attacks happen at home or in a familiar place
- ◆ 77% of biting dogs belong to the victim's family or friend
- ◆ There is an 8 out of 10 chance that the biting dog is male
- ◆ Un-neutered dogs are almost three times more likely to bite than neutered dogs
- ◆ Tethering or chaining dogs can increase their aggression

Resources: www.americanhumane.org
www.dogbitelaw.com

Who to Call if You Are Bitten

- ◆ If medical attention is needed-contact your physician or the emergency room. If life threatening dial 911
- ◆ To report a dog bite call (916) 875-5656 or (916) 368-7387
- ◆ For rabies inquiries, call Department of Health and Human Services (916) 875-5881



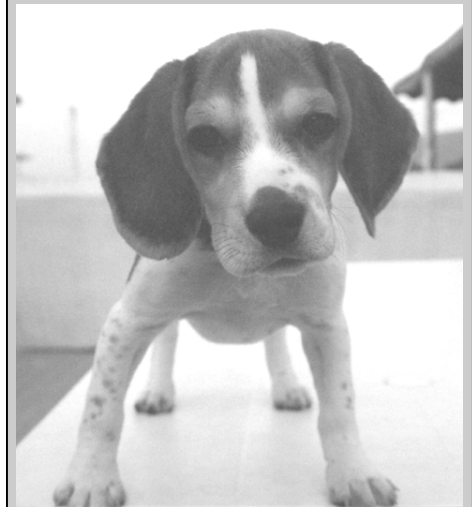
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Even Friendly Dogs BITE!



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How to Tell When a Dog is Angry

Dogs use body language to communicate just like people do.

Angry dogs will:

- ◆ Stick their ears straight up
- ◆ Make the fur on their backs puff up
- ◆ Stick their tail straight up (may be wagging)
- ◆ Growl and show their teeth
- ◆ Stare at whomever they are approaching



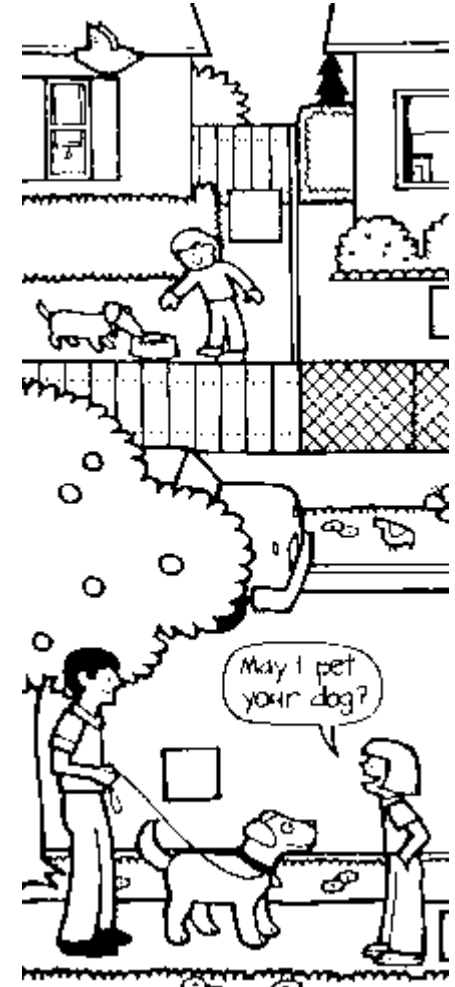
Dog Bite Safety



- ◆ Don't tease any dog or pull its tail or ears
- ◆ Never look a dog straight in the eye
- ◆ Don't disturb or sneak up on a dog while it is asleep or eating
- ◆ Never get near a mother dog when she is with her puppies.
- ◆ Don't pet stray dogs even if they seem friendly
- ◆ Always ask a dog's owner for permission to pet
- ◆ Neuter your male dogs; it reduces aggression
- ◆ Socialize your dog - be sure your dog interacts with family, other people, and other animals
- ◆ Vaccinate your dog for rabies and other diseases
- ◆ Do not let your dogs roam - be sure they are kept in properly fenced yards



Be Smart When You are Around Dogs



Which girl is more likely to get a dog bite?