DO’s and DON’Ts of Dog Safety

DO’s

1. Always ask the owner’s permission before petting a dog.
2. Remember: Not every dog that wags its tail is friendly.
3. Always approach dogs slowly and carefully.
4. When meeting a new dog, let it come to you and smell you first.
5. Know where the dogs in your neighborhood live.
6. Stay away from stray dogs.
7. If a dog approaches you, remain calm. Don’t scream. Stand still.
8. Always protect your face, neck, and arms.
9. If you’re attacked, give the dog a book or backpack to chew on.
10. If a dog knocks you on the ground, curl up in a ball.
11. If you’re attacked, cover your head and neck. Protect your face.

DON’Ts

1. Don’t make loud noises around dogs.
2. Don’t bother a dog while it is sleeping or eating.
3. Never tease a dog.
4. Never reach through a fence to pet a dog.
5. Never put your hand between two dogs.
6. Never put your face close to a dog.
7. Never try to help a hurt dog; get an adult to help.
8. Never enter a yard with a dog in it without permission.
10. Don’t bother a mother dog when she’s caring for her puppies.
All pets should visit a veterinarian.
Stay calm around dogs.
It is not cool to pull a puppy’s ears.
Never chase a dog.
Be kind to all pets.
Remember: When meeting a new dog always let the dog come to you and smell you first.

Connect the dots to see the puppy!
Never try to take away a dog’s toy.
Remember: Always ask the owner's permission before petting a dog.
Remember: Never make loud noises around dogs.

How many balls is the sleeping dog dreaming about?
Remember: Never put your face close to a dog.

Which playful pup would you choose?
Remember: Never take a toy away from a dog.

How many bones are in the picture?

Answer: 12
Never wake a sleeping dog.
Remember: Never pull a dog's tail.

Can you show each puppy the way to its owner?
Remember: Never try to help a dog that is hurt. Get an adult to help the dog.

Can you match each puppy to its shadow?
Remember: Always approach a dog slowly and carefully.

Can you find 7 things that are different between these two pictures?

1. stripe on shirt 2. lollipop 3. dog’s collar 4. dog’s nail 5. barrettes 6. triangle on shirt 7. leash on the ground
Remember: Never tease a dog.

Use the lines to draw the dog in the boxes.
Never put your hand between two dogs.
Remember: Always know where dogs live in your neighborhood.

Can you show the girl her way home?
Never reach through a fence to pet a dog.
Never leave a baby alone with a dog.
Be careful around a mother dog.
She loves her puppies.
Not every dog that wags its tail is friendly.
Never bother a dog when it is eating.
What did you learn about dog bite safety?

Draw your favorite dog!
Dear Parents and Guardians:

The purpose of this activity book is to teach children how to act responsibly and safely around dogs.

Each year, many thousands of children in the United States and Canada are bitten or attacked by dogs. Sometimes these dogs are strangers but, more often they’re family pets or the pets of close relatives or friends.

Please take the time to read this booklet with your child. By teaching responsible behavior, you’ll not only reduce the chance your child will be bitten, but you’ll also enhance the relationships they have with their dog.

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*Note*

This booklet was designed to convey helpful suggestions on ways to prevent avoidable dog bite injuries. However, accidents do happen, and it is not the responsibility of the authors should injuries occur.

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