



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DOG BITE PREVENTION

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ More than 4.7 million American's were bitten by dogs in the last year – with small children, the elderly and U.S. Postal Service letter carriers representing the most frequent victims.
- ❖ Over 800,000 injured medical attention, with dog bite victims accounting for up to five percent of emergency room visits.
- ❖ The majority of the dog bites occur within the pet owner's home.
- ❖ Almost two-thirds of injuries among children ages four and younger are the head or neck region.
- ❖ Injury rates in children are significantly higher for boys than for girls.

DOG BITE PREVENTION TIPS

Safety Tips to Follow When a Dog Approaches

- ❖ Don't turn and run – dogs naturally love to chase and catch things.
- ❖ Stand still, hands at your sides. In most cases, the dog will go away when it determines you are not a threat.
- ❖ Don't scream. If you say anything, speak calmly and firmly.
- ❖ Face the dog at all times, but don't stare. Avoid eye contact.
- ❖ Allow the dog to sniff you, but don't put your hand out.
- ❖ Back away slowly, watching from the corner of your eye.

Safety Tips for Children:

- ❖ Never pet a strange dog, even if the owner is present.
- ❖ Stay away from a dog when it is eating and sleeping.
- ❖ Never retrieve a ball from someone else's yard.
- ❖ Stay away from a dog that has puppies.
- ❖ Stay away from a dog that is tied up.
- ❖ Never pull a dog's ears or tail.
- ❖ Never tease a dog or make it angry.
- ❖ Stand totally still if a dog runs at you barking.
- ❖ Cover your face with your hands.
- ❖ Do not yank your hands away if a dog "mouths" your hands.
- ❖ If knocked to the ground by a dog, roll into a ball, cover your face with your arms, and stay as still as possible until the dog leaves.

Safety Tips for Parents:

- ❖ Do not allow your young child to discipline a dog.
- ❖ Never leave a young child or baby alone with a dog.
- ❖ Do not allow your child to feed a dog unsupervised.
- ❖ Do not allow your child to pull on a dog's collar.
- ❖ Do not allow your child to walk the dog unsupervised.
- ❖ Do not allow your child to play aggressive games with any dog.
- ❖ Teach your dog to be submissive and to respond to verbal commands.

Dogs are wonderful companions. By acting responsibly, owners not only reduce the number of dog bites, but also enhance the relationship they have with their dog.

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