



## 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.
12. When a dog you don't know comes close, be very still! Stand like a tree! Be like a rock!
13. Always use a leash when you walk your dog.
14. Tell all your friends what you've learned about dog safety.

### 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.
9. Never leave a baby alone with a dog.
10. Don't bother a mother dog when she's caring for her puppies.
11. Never pull a dog's ears or tail.

