

# BE SAFE AROUND DOGS!



## AN ACTIVITY BOOK FOR CHILDREN

**Parents and Caregivers:**

- Remember that children and dogs can be great friends when adults use common sense and put safety first.
- Please read through this guide together.



DOGS CAN BE GREAT FRIENDS,  
BUT YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL AROUND  
THEM. A DOG THAT IS SCARED COULD  
BARK AT YOU OR BITE YOU.

**Never** go near a dog without a grown-up around.  
If there is a grown-up with the dog, remember your

## ABC'S:

- Ask the **A**dult if it is okay to pet their dog.
- **B**efore touching the dog, let it sniff the **B**ack of your hand.
- **C**arefully and **C**almly, pet the dog gently on the side of the neck or shoulder.
- **S**peak **S**oftly and quietly around the dog. Being loud or yelling might scare it.

COLOR THE DOG AND THE PERSON IN  
THE PICTURE.



## LET THE DOG GET USED TO YOU.

- Don't hug or grab a dog. You could scare it.
- Let the dog sniff you before you pet it.
- Pet the dog gently on the neck or shoulder.

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## BE SAFE, REMEMBER TO NEVER...

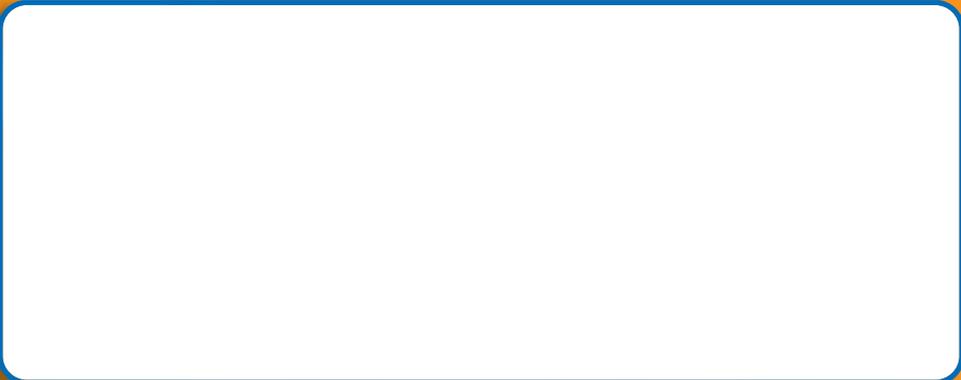
- Stare at a dog.
- Run away from a dog.
- Tease or hurt a dog.
- Pet a dog when it is eating or sleeping.
- Try to pet a dog caring for its puppies.



## ALWAYS TELL AN ADULT IF YOU'VE BEEN BITTEN OR SCRATCHED.

Write down one thing you should *never* do to a dog.

**DRAW A PICTURE OF YOU WITH A DOG THAT SHOWS YOU ARE BEING SAFE.**



**WHAT TO DO IF A DOG YOU DON'T KNOW COMES UP TO YOU:**

- Stand still.
- Do not stare at the dog.
- Make fists with your hands and hold them up to your chin.

**IF YOU ARE SITTING OR LYING ON THE GROUND WHEN A DOG YOU DON'T KNOW COMES UP TO YOU:**

- Lie face down and put your feet together.
- Make fists and put them behind your head.
- Cover your ears with your arms.

**What is one thing you should do if a dog you don't know comes up to you?**



**Do you remember another one?**

