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 ABCs:

- Ask the Adult if it is OK to pet their dog.
- Before touching the dog, let it sniff the Back of your hand.
- Carefully and Calmly, pet the dog gently on the side of the neck or shoulder.
- Speak Softly and quietly around the dog. Being loud or yelling might scare it.

Color the dog and the people 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.

IS THIS SAFE? IS THIS SAFE?

WHY? WHY?

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 yourself 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?

For additional copies of this guide, call 311 and ask for a free copy of “Be Safe Around Dogs.”