

10 ESSENTIAL THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT RABIES



Dogs and cats should be vaccinated against rabies every year.

Take good care of your pets. Give them enough food and a safe place to stay.



Do not let your pet dogs and cats roam freely in streets and other public places.



Do not maltreat dogs and cats. Do not kick, pull their tails, or throw stones at them.



Stay away from stray dogs and cats. Do not bother your pet dogs and cats when they are sleeping, eating, or feeding their young.



Wash the wound immediately with soap and running water.



Immediately tell an adult (parent, teacher, guardian) about the bite incident and ask them to take you to a Health Center or Animal Bite Treatment Center (ABTC).



Remember that people can get rabies from the saliva (from a bite or scratch) of a rabid dog or cat.



Rabies kills.



Rabies can be prevented by having your pet dogs and cats vaccinated.



5 tips

to prevent dog bites



Dogs can be your best friends, but sometimes when we are angry or scared we might bite. Let's learn to live together responsibly and safely to prevent being bitten.

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Don't disturb me or frighten me, particularly when I am eating or tied up.

- Don't disturb me when I am with my toys, my puppies, in a car, behind a fence or when I am asleep or ill.

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Keep away from me when I am angry or scared.

- When I am angry, I will show my teeth.
- When I am scared, my tail will be between my legs and I will try to run away.

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Don't move if I approach you when I am not on a lead.

- Stand still like a tree trunk.
- If you fall over, curl up and stay as still and heavy as a rock.

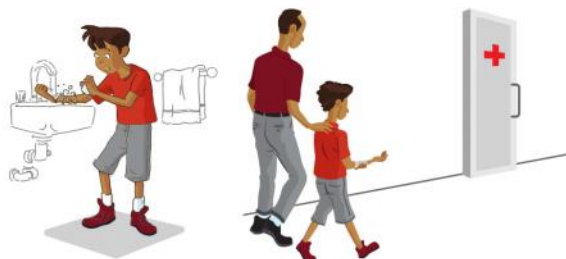
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Approach me slowly and quietly.

- Ask my owner or your parents/guardian's permission before you touch me. Let me sniff your hand before you touch me. When you stroke me, stroke my back first.

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If a dog bites you act quickly. Wash the wound with soap and water and look for a first aid centre.

- Remember to tell your parents that you were bitten. Tell them which dog it was and where you were when it bit you.

Rabies is a disease that kills people and dogs. If a dog has rabies and it bites you it can give you the disease. If you are bitten remembering what the dog that bit you looked like and getting medical help can save your life. Don't disturb, mistreat or kill the dog.

Remind your parents, teachers, friends and everyone you know that the best way to stop rabies is to make sure all dogs are vaccinated against it every year.



PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE

"STOP BITES BEFORE THEY HAPPEN"

Dogs don't understand that biting you is wrong. Often dogs bite if they are scared or trying to protect themselves. In order to avoid being bitten by dogs, we need to understand:

- How dogs are feeling
- How to approach dogs safely
- When it is safe and not safe to approach or interact with dogs

By understanding dog behaviour and avoiding dangerous situations, we can avoid being bitten.

THE DANGER SIGNS

- TENSED BODY
- STIFF TAIL
- PULLED BACK EARS
- BACKING AWAY
- GROWLING
- SNAPPING
- INTENSE STARE
- RAISED FUR



WHAT TO DO ✓

- KEEP HANDS AT SIDE
- STAND VERY STILL



DON'T DO ✗

- RUN AWAY FROM DOG
- SCREAM AND PANIC
- MAKE EYE CONTACT

IF YOU ARE BITTEN

- DO NOT PULL AWAY FROM THE DOG
- HOLD STILL
- IF YOU FALL, ROLL INTO A BALL BY TUCKING YOUR ARMS AND LEGS IN OR ACT LIKE A DOG

