



BEWARE OF THE BITE!



BE A SAFETY-SMART OWNER

- Never leave infants or children alone with any dog.
- Spay/neuter your dog.
- Train your dog in obedience.
- Don't play aggressive games with your dog.
- Follow leash laws.
- Keep your dog healthy; an unnoticed injury can make a dog aggressive.
- Your dog should be part of the family. Unsocialized "outdoor" dogs are more likely to bite than "indoor" dogs.

HOW YOU CAN AVOID DOG BITES

- Never approach an unfamiliar dog.
- Never run from or scream at a dog.
- Be still when an unfamiliar dog comes up to you.
- If a dog knocks you over, roll into a ball and stay still.
- Children should tell an adult if they see a stray dog or a dog acting strangely.
- Don't look a dog right in the eye.
- Don't disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating or caring for puppies.
- Don't approach a dog with out allowing it to see and sniff you first.

DID YOU KNOW...

- 4.7 Million Americans are bitten by dogs every year.
- Children make up 60% of dog bite victims.
- About half of all children in the U.S. will be bitten by a dog by the 12th grade.
- Nearly 20 people a year die from dog bites in the U.S.
- Every 40 seconds someone in the U.S. seeks medical care because of a dog bite.
- 70% of dog bites occur when the dog is on the owner's property.
- While any dog can bite, the top biting breeds include: Pit Bulls, Rottweilers, German Shepherds, Huskies, Doberman Pinschers, Chow Chows, Great Danes, St. Bernards and Akitas.



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