

How kids can safely interact with dogs



Every year thousands of kids are bitten by dogs. Very often this is caused by children not understanding what a dog feels is rude behavior from a child. Dogs and humans are from different species and have fundamental differences. If you can teach your children how a dog likes to be treated, then the dog and child can develop a long and lasting safe relationship. Here are a few guidelines that kids should follow when interacting with their dogs:

1 Avoid bothering a dog when he is eating



2 Avoid taking away a dog's toys or bones



3 Avoid putting your face right up to a dog's face – it infringes on "their space"



4 Avoid bothering your dog when he is sleeping



5 Avoid pestering your dog – don't pinch him or grab him by the ears or tail



6 Avoid climbing up or on the dog



8 Avoid hollering or screaming at the dog – use your "inside" voice instead



Avoid hugging – while humans like this, most canines do not

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9 Avoid having the dog elevated above the child



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