Safety Tips

1. Do not touch a strange dog. If the owner is present, ask before petting their dog. Do not assume it is friendly.
2. Do not bother a dog when it has food, toys, or it is caring for its puppies.
3. Do not tease a dog.
4. Do not pet a dog through a fence.
5. Do not run from a dog.
6. Do not try to break up a dog fight.
7. If a strange dog comes up to you, stand still like a tree and freeze!
8. If you are on the ground or are knocked down by a dog, roll into a ball facing the ground with your hands clasped together covering your neck. Lie still!
9. Avoid direct eye contact with a dog.
10. If you are bitten by a dog or any other animal, visit a clinic where your wounds can be treated and they don’t get infected.
11. Use extreme caution around an injured animal. Even your own animal can bite you.
12. Children should always be under adult supervision when around animals.
13. Notify the CCSPCA if you see a dog running loose or injured within the City of Fresno at (559) 233-7722.

Dog Body Language

- Aggressive
- Fearful
- Alert
- Submissive
- Playful
- Nervous

Body language is how we can interpret a dog’s behavior. A dog’s ears, eyes, mouth, tail, and posture are all components that provide us with insight as to how it feels or what it may do next.

Training Techniques for your own Dog

You should have control of your pet at all times

Training tools: leash, clicker, treats, time, love, and attention.

- Positive Reinforcement… ... is the adding of a stimulus to increase a certain behavior or response. A treat at first is the stimulus, later becoming a praise of words and pats. Teach your dog that they will be acknowledged only with good behavior.

Treats can be used but eventually you want to wean your dog off of them. They should learn to obey without food.

- Timing is everything. When your dog engages in the correct behavior you want to praise him immediately. Otherwise your dog will think he’s being praised for something else, which may include bad behavior.

- Dogs don’t understand long sentences, keep your commands short. The following are common words to use with dogs.
  - Sit
  - Down (lie down)
  - Stand
  - Off (get off)
  - Stay
  - Heel (walk close to you)

- Be consistent. Everyone around her should use the same training technique and words otherwise your dog will be confused.

Your dog wants to please you, so praise him with words and pats everytime!

FREE Dog Training Classes
Every Wednesday evening at the CCSPCA Training Yard!