

Your duty as a responsible pet owner:

- Abide by animal rights laws.
- Keep dogs in your own yard/house where they are kept safe from cars, other animals, theft, or abuse.
- Have control of pets at all times.
- Obtain licenses for all dogs owned.
- Microchip and ID tag ALL pets.
- Spay/neuter pets.
- Provide proper shelter from extreme weather.
- Provide regular exercise for pets.
- Provide fresh food and water every day.
- Provide proper veterinary care (including yearly vaccines and check-ups).
- Provide hygiene treatments (such as grooming) as needed.
- Provide enrichment treats and/or toys for continued happiness and brain development.
- Travel safely with pets by properly securing them within your vehicle.
- Prepare for disaster with an emergency kit and plan.
- Pick up your pet's waste.
- Respect neighbors and their pets.
- Look immediately in local animal shelters if your pet is lost.



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Call to schedule a presentation, tour, or event. We can accommodate the following:

- Classrooms/Interest Groups
- In-House Presentations:
 - Dog Safety Program
 - Good Citizens Pets Presentation
 - Special Classes
- School Assemblies
- Event Booths
- Volunteer Opportunities

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SAFETY WITH DOGS

All dogs can bite!

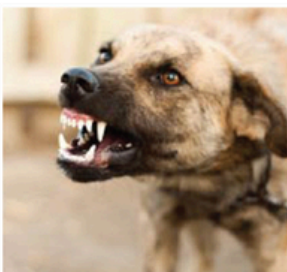


SAFETY TIPS:

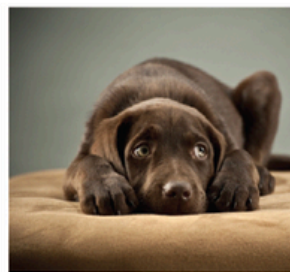
1. **DO NOT** touch a strange dog. If the owner is present, ask before petting their dog. **DO NOT** assume it's friendly.
2. **DO NOT** bother a dog when it has food, toys, or is caring for puppies.
3. **DO NOT** tease a dog.
4. **DO NOT** pet a dog through a fence or gate.
5. **DO NOT** run from a dog.
6. **DO NOT** try and break up a dog fight.
7. If a strange dog comes up to you, stand still like a tree and freeze!
8. If you're on the ground or knocked over by a dog, roll into a ball facing the ground with your hands clasped together. Cover your neck. Lie still.
9. Avoid direct eye contact with a dog.
10. If you're bitten by a dog or other animal, visit a clinic where your wounds can be treated to avoid infection.
11. Use extreme caution around an injured animal. Even your own animal can bite you.
12. Children should ALWAYS be supervised by an adult when around animals.
13. Notify your local animal control agency if you see a loose or injured dog.

Dog Body Language

Body language is how we interpret dog behavior. A dog's ears, eyes, mouth, tail, and posture are all elements that provide us with insight on their feelings or what they might do next.



Aggressive



Fearful



Alert



Submissive



Playful



Nervous

Training techniques for you and your dog

You should have control over your pet AT ALL TIMES!

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

Positive Reinforcement.

- The addition of a stimulus to increase a behavior or response.
- A treat is the stimulus at first, later becoming a praise of words or pats.
 - Using treats at first is great, but you eventually want to wean them off so they learn to obey without food.
- Teach your dog that they will only be acknowledged with good behavior.

Timing is everything!

- When your dog engages in the correct behavior, praise them immediately.
 - Otherwise, they will think they're being praised for something else.

Keep your commands short.

- Dogs don't understand long sentences. Use short words like *sit*, *stand*, *stay*, *down*, *off*, or *heel*.

Be consistent!

- Everyone around should use the same training techniques and words to limit confusion.