



Hi Kids! Let's Be Friends!

HOW TO BE YOUR DOG'S BEST FRIEND

We love our dogs, and the best way to show it is to be respectful and polite every day!

BE QUIET AND CALM

Dogs can hear much better than we can so a loud noise is really scary. Dogs have feelings too and we need to be respectful.



PLAY NICE

Never tease your dog with toys, games, or food. Always be calm and gentle when meeting a new pet. Never hit, poke, or squeeze an animal.



GIVE THEM SPACE

Leave dogs alone when they are eating, sleeping, or chewing on a toy. They may get upset if you disturb them.



LEARN TO "SPEAK" DOG

Dogs talk to us with their bodies. We need to learn how to read body language to know when they are scared or upset so we don't make them feel worse. If your dog is upset, leave them alone.



PET POLITELY

Dogs don't like hugs and kisses. Instead, pet gently on their sides. Do not grab their faces or pat on top of their heads.



KEEP HANDS AWAY

Dogs don't like it when we stick our hands in their faces. Keep your hands away from their mouth, eyes, and ears. No pulling or poking - it can hurt them.





TEACH YOUR CHILD DOG SAFETY

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Never leave pets and children unsupervised.
- Teach children to respect pet's wishes. Some dogs aren't social or want down time, and that's okay!
- Associate kids with good things by having your child toss treats or toys to the pet.
- Never punish a growl or force a dog to stay somewhere it doesn't want to be. These are warning signals, and if ignored, can lead to a bite.

CONSEJOS PARA LOS PADRES

- Nunca deje mascotas y niños sin supervisión.
- Enseñe a los niños a respetar los deseos de las mascotas. Algunos perros no son sociales o quieren tiempo de inactividad, ¡y está bien!
- Asocie a los niños con cosas buenas haciendo que su hijo le des golosinas o juguetes a la mascota.
- Nunca castigues a un gruñido o obligue a un perro a quedarse en un lugar donde no quiera estar. Estas son señales de advertencia, y si se ignoran, pueden conducir a una mordida.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- www.colleenpelar.com/livingwithkidsanddogs/ - Body language tips and other safety resources
- www.doggonesafe.com - Website dedicated to bite prevention

RESOURCES FOR KIDS

- www.thefamilydog.com/kids - Great videos and posters to share with your children
- www.doggonesafe.com - Website dedicated to bite prevention
- <http://bit.ly/DBPcolor> - Dog Safety Coloring Book

RECURSOS ESPAÑOLES

- <http://bit.ly/perroesp> - Preguntas más frecuentes
- <http://bit.ly/perrosAVMA> - Prevención de mordeduras de perros
- <http://bit.ly/DBPcolor> - Libro para colorear seguridad del perro



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