

Tips to Avoid Dog Bites

1. Ask for Permission

Always ask the dog owner's permission before approaching or petting their dog. Not all dogs are comfortable with strangers.



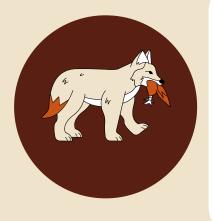
2. Approach with Caution

When approaching a dog, do so slowly and calmly. Avoid sudden movements or loud noises that may startle the dog.

3. Respect Personal Space

Give the dog space and avoid invading their personal boundaries. Avoid reaching over their head or face, as this can be perceived as threatening.





4. Never Disturb Dogs while Eating

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Dogs can be protective of their food. Avoid approaching or touching a dog while they are eating to prevent any defensive reactions. Also never approach a dog that has puppies. Dogs with puppies are very protective of their you and will be defensive even to an owner.

5. Observe Body Language

Learn to interpret a dog's body language to understand their mood. Signs of aggression or stress may include raised fur, growling, bared teeth, or a tense posture.



6. Be Mindful of Community Roaming Dogs

If you encounter a community roaming dog, do not approach it. Report it to the local animal control or a trusted authority who can handle the situation safely.

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