

# Be Sensitive and Kind to Dogs... and Protect Yourself!



Never disturb a dog that is eating, sleeping or caring for puppies. Dogs may bite if startled or frightened. Do not throw sticks or stones at dogs.



Do not run or move quickly near dogs!

Do not get close to a dog that is tied or behind a fence.



Do not look a dog straight in the eyes!



Do not get close to small puppies - the mother may bite to protect her puppies.



If a growling dog gets close to you, pretend to be a tree: stand still with your hands at your side. Allow the dog to sniff you and it will usually go away.

IF A NERVOUS DOG GETS CLOSE TO YOU:



Freeze...  
look only at the ground...  
walk backwards very slowly...



Do not turn and run!



If a dog attacks, assume a position of a rock. Curl into a ball and protect your face and body.



IF BITTEN:

- Immediately wash thoroughly with soap and running water for 10 minutes
- Go to a hospital
- Isolate the dog (or remember what the dog looks like)



## Keep Your Dog Healthy & Happy...



Vaccinate Against Rabies  
When you get a dog or cat, immediately consult a veterinarian or public health official for the recommended schedule of anti-rabies vaccination.

Consult the veterinarian about animal birth control methods to prevent unwanted puppies and kittens. Animal birth control will also keep your dogs and cats healthier and better behaved.

