

You Can Prevent



DOG BITES

Children are the most common victims of dog bites. Teach your children to be careful around dogs and to practice basic safety tips to prevent a bite.

1

Always ask the owner for permission before petting a dog.

2

Pet a dog gently; do not hug dogs.

3

Avoid eye contact with dogs.

4

Do not bother a dog that is sleeping, eating or caring for puppies.

5

If an unknown dog comes near, stay still and quiet.

6



Do not
pet stray
dogs!

ANY DOG CAN BITE



Dogs usually bite someone because they feel threatened and are protecting themselves. Keep these tips in mind to keep your family safe when around dogs.

1

Always supervise children when around dogs.

2

Use caution with dogs you don't know.

3

Before approaching a dog, invite the dog to you.

4

Learn to read dog body languages such as facial expressions and body postures.

5

Protect your dog, vaccinate for rabies.



IF YOUR CHILD IS BITTEN BY A DOG

Call your doctor right away after an animal bite. Find out if rabies treatment or other medical care is needed.