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DO'S & DON'TS OF DOG SAFETY

DO'S

- ALWAYS ASK THE OWNER'S PERMISSION BEFORE PETTING A DOG.
- REMEMBER: NOT EVERY DOG THAT WAGS ITS TAIL IS FRIENDLY.
- ALWAYS APPROACH DOGS SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY.
- WHEN MEETING A NEW DOG, LET IT COME TO YOU AND SMELL YOU FIRST.
- KNOW WHERE THE DOGS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD LIVE.
- STAY AWAY FROM STRAY DOGS.
- IF A DOG APPROACHES YOU, REMAIN CALM. DON'T SCREAM. STAND STILL.
- ALWAYS PROTECT YOUR FACE, NECK AND ARMS.
- IF YOU'RE ATTACKED, GIVE THE DOG A BOOK OR BACKPACK TO CHEW ON.
- IF A DOG KNOCKS YOU ON THE GROUND, CURL UP IN A BALL.
- WHEN A DOG YOU DON'T KNOW COMES CLOSE, BE VERY STILL! STAND LIKE A TREE! BE LIKE A ROCK!
- ALWAYS USE A LEASH WHEN YOU WALK YOUR DOG.
- TELL YOUR FRIENDS WHAT YOU LEARNED ABOUT DOG SAFETY.

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More Information on the Other Side



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DON'TS

- DON'T MAKE LOUD NOISES AROUND DOGS.
- DON'T BOTHER A DOG WHILE IT IS SLEEPING OR EATING.
- NEVER TEASE A DOG.
- NEVER REACH THROUGH A FENCE TO PET A DOG.
- NEVER PUT YOUR HAND BETWEEN TWO DOGS.
- NEVER PUT YOUR FACE CLOSE TO A DOG.
- NEVER TRY TO HELP A HURT DOG, GET AN ADULT TO HELP.
- NEVER ENTER A YARD WITH A DOG WITHOUT PERMISSION.
- NEVER LEAVE A BABY ALONE WITH A DOG.
- DON'T BOTHER A MOTHER DOG WHEN SHE'S CARING FOR HER PUPPIES.
- NEVER PULL A DOG'S EAR OR TAIL.

