



## Dog tips for kids

Dogs and kids can be the bestest of friends! Here are some tips and tricks to keep both pup and kid safe and happy!



when greeting a dog follow the S A F E way!

**S- Stop!** Stand still and turn to the side before getting up close to the dog.

**A- Ask!** Always ask if you can pet the dog, whether that be the pet parent, or checking your dog's attitude. (Does he/she want a pet right now?)

**F- offer a closed fist** for the dog to smell, remember to stand still. Never pet on top of the head, try under the chin, gently.

**E- Exit** safely and slowly. Be sure not to startle the dog getting up or backing up should always be done slowly.

\*Remember some pet parents may not want you to pet their dog or they will want their dog to have good manners, like sit or stop jumping before you can pet them. Not every dog will want to be pet, be sure to never force a pet if the dog is not interested in you.\*

### Make like a tree!

If a loose dog approaches you, stand stiff like a tree. Keep your arms at your side, and be sure to stay quiet and calm. Look at the ground and not directly at the dog.

Allow your dog time to eat, play with toys and sleep undisturbed. Be sure he/she has time that is just for them.

Dogs should have manners too!

Sit. For treats and pets, no more jumping play!

"Come " when called. Play hide and seek with your dog!

Tricks! Everyone loves high fives. why not teach the dog?

Remember dogs need love and attention to have a healthy happy life! Be gentle, gives pets and be sure to enjoy playtime with your dog.

