

Be a Responsible Dog Owner

Be a responsible dog owner by following these important steps and also by practicing ways to reduce the risk of your dog biting someone. As a dog owner, you are responsible to your pet and to others who come into contact with your dog.

Be a Responsible Dog Owner:

- Spay or neuter your dog
- License your dog as soon as you get it
- Keep your dog healthy, well fed, clean, and provide companionship
- Keep your dog on a leash or in an enclosed yard when outdoors
- Never leave infants or young children alone with a dog
- Do not play aggressive games with your dog
- Properly socialize and train your dog
- Teach your dog not to bark, growl, chase, or jump on people or animals
- Immediately seek professional advice if your dog becomes aggressive



Dog Bite Prevention Tips:

Teach children basic safety tips and review them regularly:

- Do not go up to an unfamiliar dog
- Do not play with a dog unless supervised by an adult
- Do not disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating, or caring for puppies
- Do not pet a dog without allowing it to see and sniff you first
- Remain motionless when approached by an unfamiliar dog

If you are bitten by a dog, call the local police and seek medical treatment right away. Call Animal Disease Prevention to REPORT the bite and also BEFORE RECEIVING RABIES SHOTS.

Animal Disease Prevention

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