

# PET SAFETY

Help keep each other and our furry friends safe!



**No need to engage.** As much as we want to interact with them, most pets are not comfortable with strangers.



**Go slow and low.** When approaching someone else's pet, do so slowly and preferably kneeling from the side as opposed to standing head-on. Avoid hovering over dogs.



**Avoid direct eye contact and loud noises.** Just like us, dogs do not appreciate direct sustained eye contact and may react unpredictably to loud or sudden noises and movements.

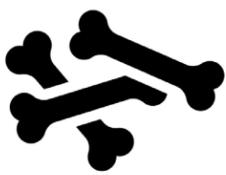


**Pet on the back or side, not on the head.**

Reaching in and over a dog's head can be scary.



**Keep space between pets and avoid on-leash interactions.** Even if your pet is friendly, we don't know how the other pet will react. Leashes create a dynamic that makes some pets uncomfortable and could cause them to lash out.



**Treats make everything better!** Tossing treats can help a new person and a dog get off on the right foot, but always remember to ask the owner's permission first.