

Children and Dogs

Educational resources



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Posters

<h1>How Kids SHOULD NOT Interact with Dogs</h1> <p>It's common sense. Just imagine how people should interact with each other.</p>	
<p>Avoid taking people's food</p> 	 <p>Avoid bothering dogs when they are eating</p>
<p>Avoid stealing other people's toys</p> 	 <p>Avoid taking a dog's bones or toys</p>
<p>Avoid putting your face right up to someone else's face</p> 	 <p>Avoid putting your face right up to a dog's face</p>
<p>Avoid bothering when asleep</p> 	 <p>Avoid bothering animals when they are resting. Let sleeping dogs lie.</p>
<p>Avoid pestering</p> 	 <p>Avoid grabbing tail/ears</p>
<p>Avoid climbing on or trampling</p> 	 <p>Avoid climbing on or trampling</p>
<p>Avoid pinching</p> 	 <p>Avoid hugging. Most dogs dislike it.</p>
<p>Avoid screaming around</p> 	 <p>Avoid hollering and shouting. Use your "inside" voice instead.</p>

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How Kids SHOULD Interact with Dogs

Use common sense.

Be polite and kind to pets



Learn to recognize when your dog is scared or anxious



Play appropriate games with pets, such as:

Fetch



ROLL OVER



Training tricks (like roll over, shake, beg, etc.)

Walking and running with a dog



SMIFF SMIFF



Playing hide-n-seek

Always remember:

Supervise all interactions. Accidents can happen in a split second.



Train your dog to associate the kids with positive experiences so he'll be more likely to tolerate your child in case she accidentally interacts inappropriately.



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