

DOG BITES

Prevention & What To Do



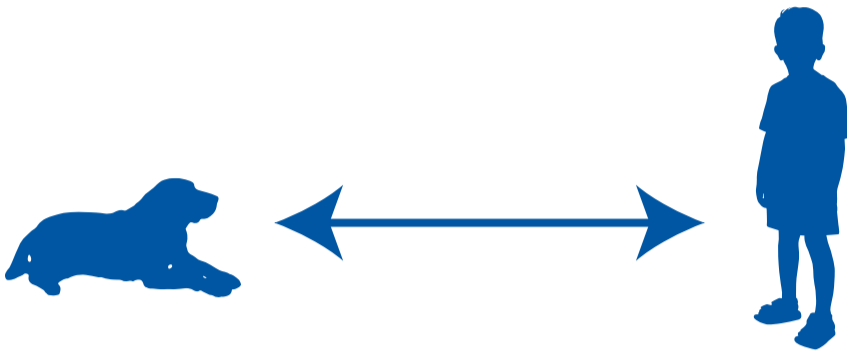
Below are some precautionary measures that can be taken in the face of a dog attack.

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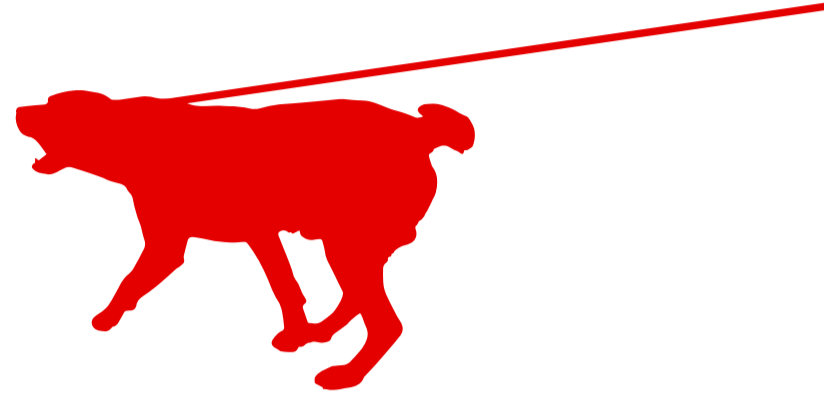
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Avoiding a Dog Attack

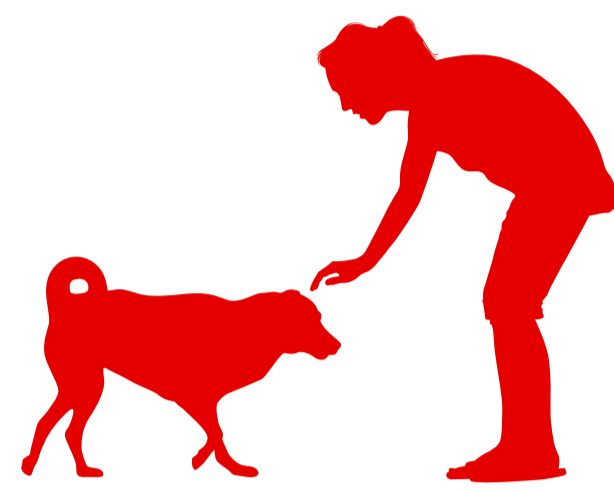
Be polite and respect the dog's personal space.



Never approach an unfamiliar dog, especially who's tied or confined behind a fence or in a car.



Don't pet a dog without letting him see and sniff you first.



Don't disturb a dog while he's sleeping, eating, chewing on a toy or caring for puppies.



Keep a safe distance if you see:

- Intense state, tensed body
- Stiff tail
- Pulled back head and/or ears
- Furrowed brow, whites of eyes visible
- Yawning
- Flicking tongue, backing away

If you sense a dog might bite, do not turn your back to him or run away. A dog's instinct will be to chase you.

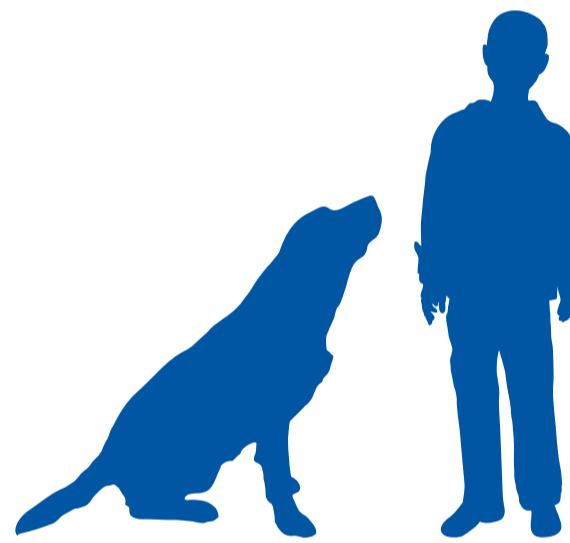


If a dog approaches you and may attack, do the following...

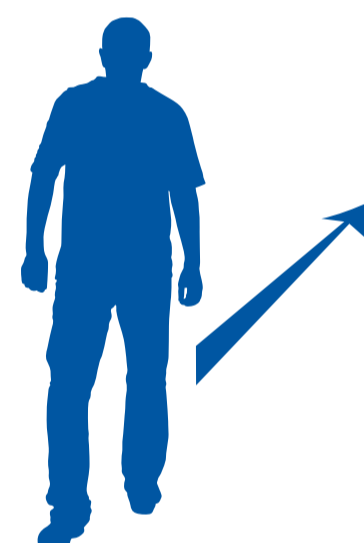
Resist the impulse to scream and run away.



Remain motionless, hands at your sides, and avoid eye contact with the dog.



Once the dog loses interest in you, slowly back away until he is out of sight.



If the dog does attack, "feed" him your jacket, purse, bicycle or anything that you can put between yourself and the dog.



If you fall or are knocked to the ground, curl into a ball with your hands over your ears and remain motionless. Try not to scream or roll around.



If a dog bites you, try not to panic...

Immediately wash the wound thoroughly with soap and warm water.



Contact your physician for additional care and advice.



Report the bite to your local animal care and control agency. Tell them:

- Owner's name and address.
- If the dog is a stray.
- What the dog looks like.
- Where you saw him.
- Whether you've seen him before.
- Which direction he went.

If you, or someone you know, have been attacked by a dog due to owner negligence, contact our law offices...



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