

TEACH GOOD DOG MANNERS TO CHILDREN

WHEN A CHILD AND A NEW DOG ENCOUNTER EACH OTHER, FOLLOW THESE BEST PRACTICES FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD AND THE DOG.

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WHEN PASSING A DOG GIVE THE DOG SPACE & MOVE SLOWLY

Never run toward or away from a dog. Dogs need space. Crowding a dog can frighten or anger it. When scared, even good dogs can bite.

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ONLY PET WITH PERMISSION

Stand still with your hands at your side. Let the dog decide if it wants to interact.

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2 SECOND RULE

If the dog comes, slowly pet the dog's back/shoulders for 2 seconds. And stop. Let the dog indicate if it want more petting by coming back to you, or it doesn't want more attention by leaving.

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DON'T TEASE

If a dog has food or a toy, do not try to take it away. It may be play to the child but may be misinterpreted by the dog.

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FINGERS TOGETHER WHEN GIVING A TREAT

Put the treat in the palm of your hand and keep your fingers and thumb together.

