

DOG BITE PREVENTION: Short Version Instructor Guide

Materials Needed

- **Power Point Presentation for Short Version**
- One or two stuffed animal dogs and a leash
- **Bookmarks**

Presenter Information

- If you are a veterinarian or veterinary technician, wear scrubs or a lab coat
- The presentation takes about 15 minutes.

Presentation Instructions

Introduction

Slide 1: Program name/logo. At this slide, introduce yourself and tell the students that you are there to teach them about how to be safe around dogs. Being safe around dogs is important because 4.7 million people are bitten by dogs every year. Most people bitten by dogs are kids. Most kids know the dog that bites them. Most bites occur on the face.

Lesson One: Basic dog body language

Slide 2: Let's learn how dogs communicate- this is a prompt slide that the next lesson is dog body language

Slides 3-5: Basic dog body language. Students learn what a happy, mean and scared dog look like

Slide 3: Happy dog: ears forward, relaxed posture, panting

Slide 4: Mean dog: showing teeth, ears back, growling, may have hair standing up on back

Slide 5: Scared dog: cowering, fish eyes (whites of eyes showing), ears back

Slides 6-11: Body language quiz. Show each photo. Ask the class if the dog looks happy, mean or scared. Why?

Slide 6: Quiz

Slide 7: Mean

Slide 8: Happy

Slide 9: Scared

Slide 10: Mean

Slide 11: Happy

Slide 12: Scared

Lesson Two: Safe and Unsafe around dogs

Slide 13: Prompt slide that the next lesson is what is safe and unsafe around dogs

Slides 14-17: These are all examples of SAFE behavior with a dog

Slide 14: Always keep your own dog on a leash, or in the house or a fenced yard when you are home.

Slide 15: Tell a grown up if a dog growls, snaps, or bites you.

Slide 16: Always ask permission from an ADULT owner before petting a dog. If the owner says NO, that means NO

Slide 17: Learn how to safely approach and pet a dog if the adult owner gives you permission. For this portion, demonstrate the four steps to safely pet a dog using your stuffed dog.

1.) Walk to the side of the dog and face the same direction as the dog

2.) Stand up, or squat down if the dog is small. (Never bend from the waist)

3.) Gently extend out your hand with the fingers curled up for the dog to sniff. If the dog backs away, then he doesn't want to be petted.

4.) If the dog doesn't back away, then open your hand and pet the dog over his shoulders. Do not pet over his head or tail. (NOTE FOR INSTRUCTORS: Be very specific about the area to be petted, petting other areas may lead to a bite).

5.) Who can show us how to safely pet a dog? Get a volunteer from the class to show each of the 4 steps to safely pet a dog.

Slide 18: There are times when you should NEVER pet a dog.

Slides 19-29: There are times when you should NEVER pet a dog. The next slides show UNSAFE behavior with a dog.

Slide 19: Never pet a dog through a fence

Slide 20: Never pet a dog through a car window

Slide 21: Never pet a dog that is tied up

Slide 22: Never pet a dog that eating or playing with a toy

Slide 23: Never pet a mother dog with her puppies

Slide 24: Never pet a dog that is sleeping or resting

Slide 25: Never pet a dog that is hurt

Slide 26: Don't run up to a dog, that can threaten or scare them.

Slide 27: Never try to take anything away from a dog, including a toy

Slide 28: Never pet a dog that looks scared or mean

Slide 29: Don't hug or kiss a dog. They don't like it. How would you like it if everyone was hugging and kissing you?

Slide 30: Quiz. Which dogs could you safely pet with permission?

Slide 31: NO- dog is sleeping

Slide 32: YES- happy dog

Slide 33: NO- dog is eating

Slide 34: NO- dog is behind fence

Slide 35: YES- happy dog

Slide 36: NO- dog is in car

Slide 37: NO- dog is chewing on toy

Slide 38: YES- happy dog

Slide 39: NO- hurt dog

Slide 40: NO- mother with puppies

Slide 41: Great job!

Lesson Three: What to do if a strange dog runs up to you

Slide 42: Instructors should demonstrate:

- 1.) **STAND LIKE A TREE:** Don't run away from a dog- he will chase you. Stand still and be quiet (trees don't talk or make noises). Stand with your hands down and folded. Look down and wait for the dog to leave. If you need to leave, back slowly away and NEVER look at the dog. If the dog comes back, go back to standing like a tree.
- 2.) If the dog knocks you down: **LIE LIKE A LOG.** Lie down on your belly, don't move, stay quiet, cover your neck with your hands, and wait for the dog to leave.
- 3.) Have the class stand up by their desks and practice both positions. Have the stuffed dog run up to them.

Slide 43: Great job! This is the end of the presentation. Leave students with the **bookmarks** to bring home.

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