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DOG SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Never leave a child or baby alone with a dog.

When visiting friends or relatives who have a dog, do not allow your child to play in the yard unsupervised. If that is not possible, ask the owners to put the dog away.

Do not allow your child to feed a dog unsupervised, as some dogs can be very protective of food and never allow your dog to snatch food from your child.

Do not allow your child to pull on the dog's collar to lead it outside the house; it could bite them. The dog should be taught to respond to a verbal command.

Children without adult supervision should not be allowed to walk a dog. A child could be dragged unwittingly into a fight with another dog.

Never let children discipline a dog.

Your child should always precede your dog through a door or gate.

Never buy a dog as a toy substitute. Dogs are living, breathing creatures with feelings. Children should be taught this fact from an early age and shown how to treat dogs with respect.

RULES FOR CHILDREN

Never pet a strange dog, even if his owner is present.

Stay away from a dog while he is eating and sleeping.

Stop your bike if chased while riding.

Never retrieve a ball from someone else's yard.

If visiting friends who have dogs, ask them to put their dogs away, if you want to play.

Stay away from a dog that has puppies.

Stay away from a dog that is tied up.

Never pull a dog's tails or ears; dogs feel pain, too.

Never tease a dog or make it angry.

Stand totally still if a dog runs at you barking. Cover your face with your hands.

If knocked to the ground by a dog, roll into a ball, cover your face with your arms and stay as still as you possibly can. Do not try to get up.

This information and more is featured in a Bark Busters authored book *Bite Busters** and the Bark Busters child safety video *Dally Says**. For book or video inquiries, call us Toll Free 1 877 280 7100.

*Recommended reading and viewing for anyone who is interested in protecting himself and his family from being bitten by a dog.

