

Dog Bite Prevention

- Be careful not to tease or disturb a dog even if it is behind a gate or fence.
- It is better not to go near dogs that are chained up.
- If you come across a stray dog or one without its owner present, you should not try to touch or pat it.
- If a dog comes near you and starts barking, stand very still and be very quiet. Look away from the dog and do not run or scream.
- Dogs may get upset if disturbed when they are eating.
- Dogs need to sleep too. They do not like to be disturbed when they are sleeping.
- Do not stare into a dog's eyes. It will think you are trying to challenge it.
- We may only pat a dog if we have received permission from the dog's owner.
- Only play with a dog if the owner is watching.
- Avoid playing with a dog with a litter of puppies, especially while the mother is still feeding them.
- Try not to be too aggressive or get dogs over-excited when you play with them.

